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A dynamic photograph of four female soccer players in white uniforms celebrating a victory. One player is being lifted into the air by her teammates. They are outdoors on a sunny day, with a goal post and trees in the background.

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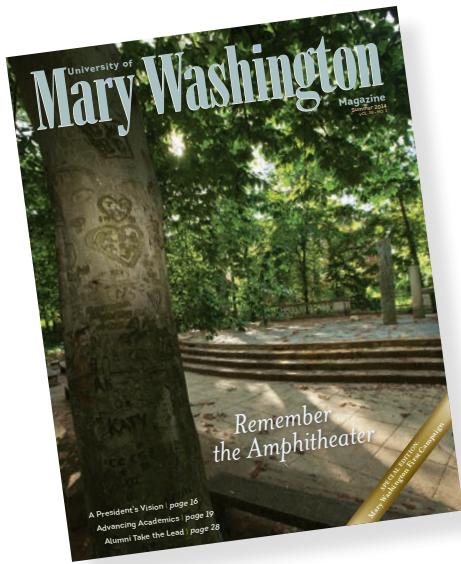
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ON THE COVER: *National Geographic* sent Joanna B. Pinneo '76 to Sudan, where she traveled with a caravan to photograph the camel trade. Here, on the shore of Lake Nasser, a colleague turns the camera on Pinneo.

Photo by Arita Baaijens

THIS SPREAD: Mary Washington women's soccer players (left to right) Anna Manser '18, Jessica Bednarcik '16, Taylor Decker '18, Lizzie Weast '16, and Michelle Gibbons '16 celebrate their victory over Penn State-Harrisburg Oct. 25, during homecoming. After a scoreless first half, UMW got second-half goals by Maryfay Jackson '17 (not pictured), Weast, and Decker to win 3-1.

Photo by Norm Shafer



UMW Magazine looks terrific.

What a nice surprise to see the amphitheater as the cover story in the issue that just arrived – excellent cover photo. I hadn't been on campus in over 20 years when I visited for Reunion Weekend 2013, the 40th for our Class of '73. While there are stunning improvements and new construction on UMW's beautiful campus, it was sad and of great concern to see the deterioration of the amphitheater. This was compounded by the fact that I've worked in the field of historic preservation planning and rehabilitation since 1978. I wondered if perhaps

there were discussions about removing it altogether.

So it was great to see the architect's rendering of the amphitheater's proposed restoration in the summer *UMW Magazine*. And a big thank-you to Robert S. and **Alice Andrews Jepson '64**, who've made a generous donation for this important project. I look forward to the completion of the amphitheater's restoration and renewed interest in and increased use of this beautiful space on campus.

Cynthia Howk '73
Rochester, New York

Alec and I really liked Guest Editor Torre Meringolo's edition of *University of Mary Washington Magazine* and the whole concept of putting Mary Washington first.

Betty Olander Adams '69
Glenwood, Maryland

I thoroughly enjoyed reading the Summer 2014 issue of *University of Mary Washington Magazine*. I always delight in hearing about the accomplishments of the alumni and am proud to be a graduate of this fine university.

Carolyn Kreiter-Foronda '69
Hardyville, Virginia

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Kudos, UMW!

UMW has again raked in national accolades for its undergraduate and graduate programs.

U.S. News & World Report listed UMW among the top five public universities in the South.

Washington Monthly magazine included UMW as one of only two Virginia schools in its top 25 colleges, based on contributions to the public good.

And *Forbes*, *Money Magazine*, and *The Princeton Review* all rate UMW among the best universities in their college guidebooks.

Campus Walk and Monroe Hall on a September day



BOV Member Is All Business

Gov. Terry McAuliffe has appointed Carlos Del Toro of Stafford, Virginia, to the UMW Board of Visitors. Del Toro fills the unexpired term of **Tabitha Geary Tate '92**, who resigned. The term expires in 2017.

Del Toro is founder, CEO, and president of SBG Technology Solutions Inc., a Washington-based technology services consulting firm. In 2010, the Small Business Administration named him small-business person of the year for the Washington region.

A former naval officer and White House fellow, Del Toro is a native of Havana, Cuba, and a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He holds advanced degrees from the Naval Postgraduate School, the Naval War College, and George Washington University.

He is past president of the capital chapter board of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and is on the board of Rappahannock Goodwill Industries.



Carlos Del Toro

Erchull Honored With APA Award

The American Psychological Association has recognized Mindy Erchull, associate professor of psychology, as an emerging leader.

The APA's Committee on Women in Psychology honored Erchull with its Psychology Leadership Award for her scholarship, undergraduate mentoring, and service to the psychology profession, and for her promise of an influential career.

Erchull was named an association fellow in 2013 and has presented research on gender issues and feminism at numerous conventions. Her research includes objectification and sexualization of women; feminism and feminist identity; psychological aspects of reproductive health; and attitudes about menstruation.



Mindy Erchull



“The Bullet” Fired

For 92 years, *The Bullet* newspaper was a prominent voice of Mary Washington student news and opinion. That ended Sept. 4, when *The Blue & Gray Press* debuted on campus newsstands.

Word of the name change came in an Aug. 18 press release from the paper's student editorial board, which made the decision to revise the name and the publication's format.

The press release reads: “After analyzing the origins of the paper and the development of the publication over the years, the board agreed that the antiquated name does not properly represent the paper today. The editorial board felt that the paper's name, which alludes to ammunition for an artillery weapon, propagated violence and did not honor our school's history in a sensitive manner. The board intends to remain faithful to the history our university stands upon, and we continue to honor this history both in a



respectful and meaningful way.”

The statement continued, “It is the belief of the editors that a name change to *The Blue & Gray Press* will more closely reflect UMW in the 21st century. The new name is simple but calls forth UMW's colors, giving a direct reference back to the school and students the university paper should represent.”

The paper is still 10 pages, but

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- student editorial board

modern fonts and tabloid size replaced its traditional nameplate and broadsheet format. The newspaper, a student club funded by the university, distributes about 2,000 copies weekly during spring and fall semesters. Under the name *The Bullet*, the publication was recognized for excellence by the Virginia Press Association and the Society of Professional Journalists.



Cara Wimberley

Leading Toward Diversity

Cara Wimberley '15 received this year's Citizenship Award for Diversity Leadership, given to a University of Mary Washington senior with high academic standards, leadership qualities, and a personal commitment to diversity and inclusion on campus.

Wimberley is a psychology major and is minoring in linguistics and Middle Eastern studies. She has been an officer of the campus group PRISM – People for the Rights of Individuals of Sexual Minorities – and has participated in the Cross-Cultural BBQ, Arab Culture Night, Day of Silence, and the Multicultural Fair. She is a peer mentor with the Center for International Education.

Wimberley, of Blacksburg, Virginia, spent a semester at a university in Amman, Jordan, studying Arabic and learning about Middle Eastern culture and history.

“Cara's UMW and study-abroad experiences have taught her that being a leader means learning about diverse identities and cultures,” said Marion Sanford, UMW's director of multicultural affairs.



Senior Earns Scholarship From Jay-Z

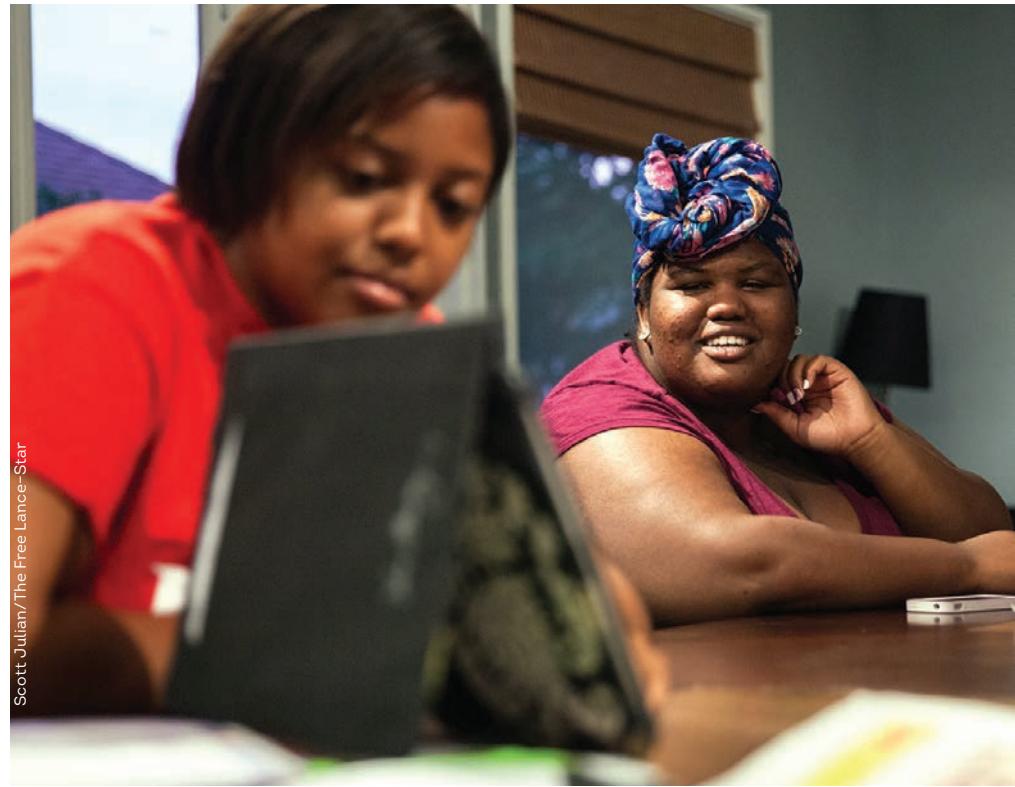
Rapper Jay-Z is helping theater and political science major **Ebony Dixon '15** pay for college.

His Shawn Carter Scholar program aims to help students facing economic challenges stay in school by helping with tuition or other academic expenses. Dixon, from Alexandria, Virginia, is among 176 recipients for the 2014-15 academic year.

Like many chosen to receive the rapper's scholarships, Dixon is a first-generation college student. Her father died in 2012, and her mother is working on her own college degree while helping Dixon and her college-age brother through school.

The Shawn Carter scholarship considers grade-point average and an essay and requires a community service commitment of recipients. But it also considers a student's perseverance in overcoming obstacles.

In Dixon's case, it means less student-loan debt and, possibly, more freedom in choosing a career after college. She's interested in acting professionally but also is considering law



school. She's on the executive board of UMW's Pre-Law Society.

Besides winning the Carter scholarship, Dixon received an Albert R. Klein Memorial Scholarship, given to a senior theater student.

Ebony Dixon, right, received a Shawn Carter (aka Jay-Z) scholarship. Here, she and Brooke Turner watch video clips of UMW's Voices of Praise gospel choir.



Dancing for Scholars

Theresa Young Crawley '77, dancing here with Michael Scott of Strictly Ballroom Dance Studio, won best in show for her performance at UMW's *Dancing With the Fredericksburg Stars* in October.

The evening featured 10 leaders from the Fredericksburg community performing ballroom dances with professional dancers. A panel of judges provided comments and presented the top awards.

Proceeds from the benefit competition endow a UMW Performing Arts in the Community Scholarship. Crawley, a dentist, serves on UMW's Board of Visitors and Foundation Board.



UMW and Germanna Partner for Nursing Degrees

Eligible nursing students at Germanna Community College can more easily come to the University of Mary Washington to complete bachelor's degrees, thanks to agreements signed this fall.

UMW's bachelor of science in nursing is a degree-completion program. The first cohort enrolled this fall. Funded in part by a grant from Mary Washington Healthcare, it allows registered nurses with associate degrees or nursing diplomas to complete their four-year degrees at the university.

The degree-completion option is open to any registered nurse, not just those from Germanna. But the new partnership cements a nursing degree-completion connection between the two institutions.

Under agreements signed by President Richard V. Hurley and the community college's president, David A. Sam, nursing students have several options. They can attend Germanna first, earn associate degrees, and then transfer to Mary Washington. They can live on campus at UMW while taking classes at both institutions. Or they can take UMW liberal arts courses while completing associate degrees in nursing at Germanna.

The agreements add nursing-degree specificity to a policy already in place, allowing academically eligible Germanna students to enroll concurrently at UMW and transfer credits.

"These agreements will open more doors for nursing students to experience a higher level of learning," said Pamela McCullough, director of UMW's BSN-completion program.

Mindfulness Week

A nationally recognized nutritionist visited campus in September as the keynote speaker for the University of Mary Washington's second annual Mindfulness Week.

Lilian Cheung, director of health promotion and communication for Harvard University's Department of Nutrition, spoke about mindful eating.

Other events during the week included workshops on mindfulness and meditation and lectures on mindfulness and the liberal arts.

Research has shown that mindfulness – the ability to quiet the mind, focus attention on the present, and calmly dismiss distractions – has positive effects on health.

Cheung is the co-author of *Savor: Mindful Eating, Mindful Life*, and is editorial director of *The Nutrition Source*, a website for health professionals, media, and consumers.



Lilian Cheung

New to UMW

More than 1,000 new students arrived on campus in August, joining the University of Mary Washington from 27 states and seven foreign countries.

The newcomers include about 870 freshmen and 300 transfer students. More than 20 percent identify themselves as racial or ethnic minorities. About two-thirds are women.



Norm Shafer



Great Lives Lives!

The Chappell Lecture Series, Great Lives, will feature subjects as diverse as Confucius, Al Capone, and Shirley Temple, from January through April 2015. All lectures are at 7:30 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall. Admission is free.

Jan. 15: **Alfred Hitchcock**, by Thomas Leitch, co-editor of *A Companion to Alfred Hitchcock*

Jan. 20: **The Explorers**, by Martin Dugard, author of *The Explorers: A Story of Fearless Outcasts, Blundering Geniuses, and Impossible Success*

Jan. 22: **Mathew Brady**, by Robert Wilson, author of *Mathew Brady: Portraits of a Nation*

Jan. 27: **John F. Kennedy**, by Larry Sabato, author of *The Kennedy Half-Century: The Presidency, Assassination, and Lasting Legacy of John F. Kennedy*

Feb. 3: **Duke Ellington**, by John Hasse, author of *Beyond Category: The Life and Genius of Duke Ellington*

Feb. 5: **Robert Ripley**, by Neal Thompson, author of *A Curious Man: The Strange and Brilliant Life of Robert "Believe It or Not!" Ripley*

Feb. 10: **Winnie Davis**, by Heath Lee, author of *Winnie Davis: Daughter of the Lost Cause*

Feb. 17: **Al Capone**, by Jonathan Eig, author of *Get Capone: The Secret Plot That Captured America's Most Wanted Gangster*

Feb. 19: **Confucius**, by Annping Chin, author of *The Authentic Confucius: A Life of Thought and Politics*

Feb. 24: **Jane Austen**, by Claudia Johnson, author of *Jane Austen's Cults and Cultures*

Feb. 26: **Charles Darwin**, by Janet Browne, author of *Charles Darwin: Voyaging and Charles Darwin: The Power of Place*

March 10: **James and Dolley Madison**, by David Stewart, author of *Madison's Gift: Five Partnerships That Built America*

March 12: **Alexander the Great and the Amazons**, by Adrienne Mayor, author of *The Amazons: The Lives and Legends of Warrior Women Across the Ancient World*

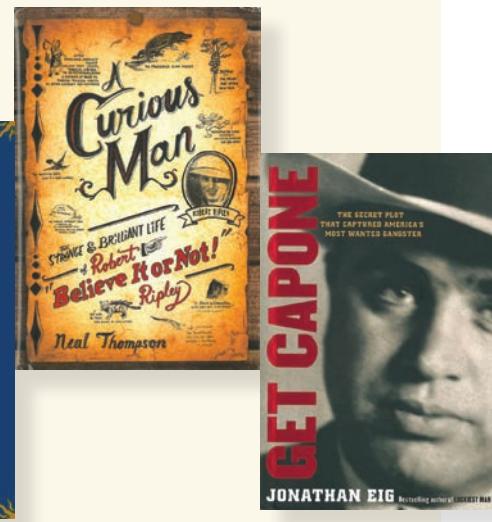
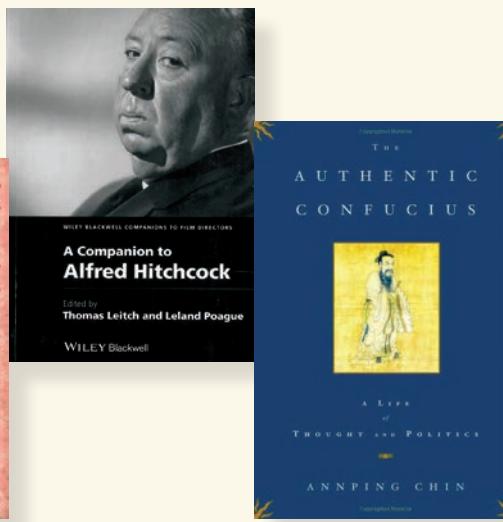
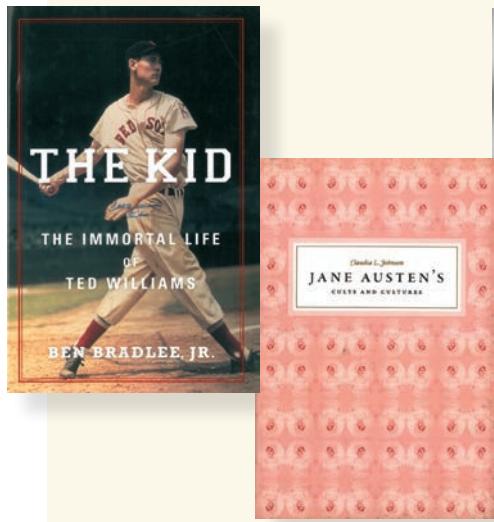
March 17: **Ulysses S. Grant**, by Joan Waugh, author of *U.S. Grant: American Hero, American Myth*

March 24: **Hannibal**, by Barry Strauss, author of *Masters of Command: Alexander, Hannibal, Caesar, and the Genius of Leadership*

March 26: **Shirley Temple**, by John Kasson, author of *The Little Girl Who Fought the Great Depression: Shirley Temple and 1930s America*

April 7: **Ted Williams**, by Ben Bradlee Jr., author of *The Kid: The Immortal Life of Ted Williams*

April 14: **Peter the Great**, by Jeremy Black, author of *Europe and the World, 1650-1830*





Arts on Campus

A selection of upcoming shows and exhibits at UMW

UMW Philharmonic Orchestra

Concerts at 7:30 p.m., Dodd Auditorium
540/654-1324
philharmonic.umw.edu

Holiday Pops: Home for the Holidays
Dec. 4 and 5

Celebrity Series ►

Michael Feinstein: The Sinatra Project
March 14, 2015

Classical Dance Party: The Richmond Ballet
April 24, 2015



Ridderhof Martin Gallery

umwgalleries.org
540/654-1013

◀ *J.W. Fike: Photographic Survey of the Wild Edible Botanicals of the North American Continent*
Jan. 15-March 1, 2015

Lily Cox-Richard: The Stand

A series of compellingly beautiful and ghostly plasters
March 18-May 3, 2015

◀ UMW Theatre

540/654-1111
cas.umw.edu/theatre

Sing-Along Sound of Music
2 and 7 p.m., Dodd Auditorium
Dec. 6

The Drunken City by Adam Bock
Klein Theatre
Feb. 12-22, 2015

Lady Windermere's Fan by Oscar Wilde
Klein Theatre
April 9-19, 2015



Film Exec Advises “Change and Innovate”

NBC Universal executive **Daniel Wolfe '84** came from California to spend two fall days on campus as the University of Mary Washington's 2014-15 executive-in-residence.

In October, Wolfe spoke with students and community leaders about the business of moviemaking, a subject he knows well. As executive vice president of NBC Universal's Worldwide Creative Operations, he oversees a staff of more than 100 who provide marketing support for Universal productions.

At UMW, he urged audience members to be innovative in their businesses and careers. “Maintaining the status quo is not a strategy,” he said. Businesses can either hold onto their success model until it becomes irrelevant or continuously look to change and innovate.

“The biggest thing is: Are we listening to our consumer? The ability to ask questions, the ability to let your guard down and say ‘let me ask what would be a better way to do this’ is so important for any business and for any individual to keep growing,” Wolfe said.

After graduating from Mary

“The ability to ask questions, the ability to let your guard down and say ‘let me ask what would be a better way to do this’ is so important.”

— Daniel Wolfe

Washington, Wolfe moved back to his parents' home in Virginia Beach. A few years later, his college roommate, a movie fanatic, died in a car accident. That got Wolfe thinking about his passions and purpose.

He moved to Boston to earn a master's degree in communication industries management from Emerson College before heading to Los

santana in civil matters.

According to a commission press release, White “has demonstrated a strong commitment to improving access to justice for all Marylanders.”

As president of the Maryland State Bar Association, White “exercised extraordinary leadership” to support rule changes governing attorneys’ pro bono work, the release said. She has



K Pearlman Photography

Angeles. In his long career at Universal Pictures, Wolfe has been involved in more than 400 films, including Oscar Best Picture winners *Schindler's List*, *Shakespeare in Love*, *Gladiator*, and *A Beautiful Mind*. He previously worked for New Line Cinema and Orion Pictures.

With all his success, Wolfe still credits his time at Mary Washington for the balance he is able to keep in the Hollywood industry. College is “where you build your foundation,” he said. “And I think that is what has really served me well.”

Former Rector Honored

Baltimore Circuit Court Judge **Pamela J. White '74** has been named Maryland's Robert M. Bell Judge of the Year for 2014.



The award is given by the Maryland Access to Justice Commission, which recognizes people and programs that help Marylanders gain access to courts or obtain legal repre-

overseen the court's Civil Alternative Dispute Resolution Program since 2009, has served as the pro bono committee liaison for the Circuit Court bench for the past six years, and remains actively engaged on the local pro bono committee.

White is a former member and rector of the University of Mary Washington Board of Visitors.

REVEALING *Moments:*

Photographer Captures What Connects Us

STORY BY EDIE GROSS PHOTOS BY JOANNA PINNEO



JOANNA PINNEO '76 loved the month she spent in Spain her sophomore year, immersing herself in Spanish culture and studying the works of the masters at Madrid's Prado museum.

She wasn't nearly as crazy, however, about the images she captured with her point-and-shoot camera, especially after seeing the photographs her boyfriend took with his own more-expensive device. So Pinneo, who majored in art history and psychology, returned to campus, wrote an A paper on Diego Velazquez's 17th-century masterpieces, and bought herself a new camera.

"When I found the camera, it was like a light bulb went off. I found 'the thing,'" Pinneo recalled. "I was really kind of hooked from then on."

For the shy young woman from Richmond, the camera was a passport of sorts, giving her the confidence to engage with strangers – ultimately in more than 65 countries. During Pinneo's career as a photojournalist, her intimate and moving images have appeared in *National Geographic*, *Life*, *Time*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Mother Jones*, *GEO*, and *Stern*, among other publications.

She's documented lush tea plantations in Indonesia and the smoldering remains of logged rainforests in Brazil. She's covered the impact of climate change on tribes in the sub-Saharan region of West Africa and melting glaciers in Europe. She's photographed El Niño-related flooding in Peruvian villages and spent 2½ months trekking across the desert region of Sudan – some of that on camel back.

Each assignment is markedly different, but the goal is often the same, Pinneo said: to promote understanding between people and among cultures.

"Photography really has been a miraculous thing for me," she said, "to open up the world and bring those kinds of connections to people. I really



MALI Members of the Taureg tribe live far outside of Timbuktu, Mali. Pinneo was on assignment there to visit and photograph the Taureg, and they invited her to join them in the family tent to nap and take refuge from the desert sun. Pinneo woke and shot a roll of film before falling back to sleep in the heat. National Geographic included this image in its 50 Greatest Pictures compilation, used it on the cover of its May 1998 magazine on global climate change, and printed it again on the cover of its book Women Photographers at National Geographic.

For hundreds of years the Taureg depended on a West African lake system that in the last 25 years has mostly dried up, Pinneo said. "The life that these people have led for centuries is changing."



love photographing people in their daily lives. I just try to see what emerges."

Guided by art history lessons on light, mood, color, and composition, Pinneo got her start taking pictures for UMW's student-run newspaper, then named *The Bullet*, as well as for the *Battlefield* yearbook. She took the one photography class offered at Mary Washington in those days. After graduation she attended a four-month photo workshop in West Virginia, where she picked up the technical skills she'd need for the career of her dreams. Then, she set about job-hunting.

"Basically, I put the word out there that I wanted to travel and take pictures," Pinneo said. "The job immediately became much deeper than that."

SUDAN National Geographic sent Pinneo to Sudan to follow camel traders on the dangerous Forty Days Road, where for centuries caravans of slaves and camels hauled exotic goods from Darfur to southern Egypt, then a 40-day trip. Slavery ended in the 1880s, and camels became a commodity to be traded. The campfire is where camel herders cook, tell stories, drink tea, and relax after a long day of travel. "I felt like I had gone back in time a hundred or even a thousand years," Pinneo said.

UNITED STATES For her project *Grrlstories*, Pinneo photographed an Apache girl during a strenuous, days-long Apache puberty ceremony. Here the painted 13-year-old kisses her mother after the Sunday sunrise ceremony. The girl prepared for the events by running two miles every day and building herself a hut of saplings.





JORDAN *The first story* Pinneo shot for National Geographic included this photo from a Palestinian camp in Amman, Jordan, at a United Nations High Commission for Refugees school. Pinneo said, "The girl holds up a picture of Jerusalem, a place, a homeland, she will likely never see."



After a brief stint running a community darkroom in Richmond, Pinneo landed a job in the photo lab of the International Mission Board, a mission-support entity of the Southern Baptist Convention. There, she processed film, made duplicate slides, and carefully studied the images captured by the organization's talented staff for its award-winning *Commission Stories* magazine. Within a few years, Pinneo herself was documenting the work of missionaries around the world.

One of her pictures, of an injured child reaching out to an aid worker in the wake of a devastating volcanic mudslide in Colombia in 1985, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. More importantly, the child was reunited with his mother after the picture appeared on a Colombian TV station.

In 1991, with Operation Desert Storm underway, Pinneo traveled to the Middle East at the request of *National Geographic*. She spent eight months documenting the lives of Palestinian refugees throughout the region, as well as in London and the U.S. Seeing her work for the first time in one of the world's preeminent photo magazines was pretty special, she said.

"I remember feeling like if I was never able to do it again, at least I did it once," said Pinneo, who would ultimately complete eight assignments for the magazine on everything from immigration to climate change.

Pinneo's ability to capture beautiful images while also telling important conservation stories has made her a favorite among editors at *Ranger Rick*, a National Wildlife Federation magazine for children. *Ranger Rick* has sent her hiking across Washington

State, sailing off the coast of Maine, and snowshoeing in Minnesota, among other adventures. She makes the youngsters she photographs so comfortable that they almost forget she's there, said photo editor Susan McElhinney, who has known Pinneo for nearly 30 years.

"She has such a wonderful touch with people," McElhinney said. "There's a certain gentleness in her images, a genuineness in them. She conveys these stories beautifully."

Traveling the globe with camera in hand is not without its risks. While covering the effects of El Niño and La Niña on the people of Peru, Pinneo ended up in the hospital with a punctured lung after the car she was riding in was sideswiped by a taxi and flipped. Toward the end of a 40-day trek across Sudan's Sahara Desert, Pinneo was bitten or stung on the hand, possibly by a scorpion. For four days it was unclear what was moving faster – the Land Cruiser she shared with herders, a driver, diesel fuel, and water, or the red line of infection that snaked up her arm.

It took three days in a Khartoum hospital bed and a hefty dose of antibiotics to set her right again. But Pinneo shrugs off incidents like that, preferring instead to focus on the difference her work can make, whether it's encouraging young readers of *Ranger Rick* to embrace the fragile bayous of southern Louisiana or inspiring donors in the West to support a shelter where women and girls in a Bangladesh slum can receive meals, medical care, skills training, and education.

She photographed the story in Bangladesh last year for the International Mission Board, her first assignment for the



UNITED STATES Far left: "I believe that an important story to tell is children's connection and disconnection to nature in today's America," Pinneo said. The National Wildlife Federation sent her to the Louisiana bayou country, where this boy lives a life outdoors. It's a life, she said, "of discovery, fishing, looking for critters, and shrimping with his father."

BOSNIA Left: Bosnian Muslim women, children, and elderly people boarded trains and buses headed for temporary refuge in Germany and Austria as the men were forced to stay and fight the Serbs. "They fled not knowing if they would ever see their husbands, brothers, and sons again," Pinneo said.



UNITED STATES Pinneo's *Grrlstories* project shows significant moments in the lives of girls ages 12 through 15. "A deep struggle begins between what girls know and what others say, between who they think they are and the images of who they're supposed to be. They become silent, struck dumb," Pinneo said. "Their authentic self becomes submerged or even invisible." This image of a 12-year-old girl and her friend confronting other girls from their class while hanging out in a mall in St. Petersburg, Florida, is one of Pinneo's favorites from the project.

organization in about 20 years. Within months of the story's May publication, the 9-year-old girl Pinneo had focused on had gone from begging in the streets with her mother to support the family to attending classes five days a week.

"I really want to be an advocate. I really feel like storytelling is important – wanting to understand other people and other cultures and then show people what other people's cultures and lives are like so they have a greater understanding," Pinneo said. "I'm not trying to build my career in the same ways I was 30 years ago. I'm just trying to find my strengths, what I do well, and how I can help."

That desire led Pinneo to found Grrlstories, a project dedicated to giving young girls a voice through photography. She also recently joined Ripple Effect Images, a nonprofit team of

photojournalists who document the plight of impoverished women and girls around the globe and then donate their images to organizations dedicated to helping them succeed. Over the last four years, Ripple Effect's team has created 17 films and an archive of about 12,000 images, helping its partners raise more than \$1 million in aid, said Annie Griffiths, the group's founder and executive director and one of the first female photographers to work for *National Geographic*.

Pinneo was a natural fit for the organization, which focuses largely on the impact of climate change on marginalized populations, Griffiths said.

"When you get to know Joanna, she's so gracious and sincere, and I think that sincerity comes across to people in other cultures," said Griffiths, whose friendship with Pinneo goes back



decades. "She's got an ability to just disappear and just quietly be with people and find those moments of humanity."

In addition to shooting, Pinneo, who lives with her husband outside Boulder, Colorado, said she enjoys teaching workshops that cover not only the mechanics of photography but “how to approach people mindfully.”

"It's almost a spiritual approach, the idea that we're all connected and what one person does influences another," Pinneo said. "Everything has an impact somewhere. I want that to be an impact of kindness, an impact of compassion, an impact of caring. If I can enter someone's life with those intentions, I hope that carries forward somehow." 

See more photos at joannabpinneophoto.com

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– Annie Griffiths, photographer



BOSNIA This Serbian woman left three daughters behind when she fled to Bosnia as her village was shelled. When she was 12, all of her family had died in a World War II Croatian work camp. Pinneo met her while she was on a National Geographic assignment on European immigration. "She felt it was all returning again," Pinneo said.

BANGLADESH *Last year, the Richmond-based International Mission Board sent Pinneo to Bangladesh to tell the story of Rahima and Minara, a mother and daughter who beg for their living. Rahima cares tenderly for her two children and works to make a home for them. Since the story ran, Minara's school has gotten more funding and doubled its enrollment. Minara is able to attend the school more regularly. Rahima does her best to give her children a happy, normal life. "I know she hopes for more for her daughter – an education, a decent job," Pinneo said.*



Above: The Information and Technology Convergence Center's media wall serves as a gallery for students' digital work. **Right:** From the outside, the building mirrors UMW's Jeffersonian architecture; inside it's all 21st century.





A STEP

Even before he taught his first class in the new Information and Technology Convergence Center, Jeff McClurken '94 could see that the building was fulfilling one of its main missions – bringing students and faculty together in a technology-rich, collaborative space.

The Convergence Center had been open to students for only a few hours on the first day of classes. But they had already sought out spots in study niches throughout the four-story building. They nestled into comfortable chairs and couches, plugging laptops and tablets into power outlets built right into the furniture. Some tapped keyboards in solitude, while others shared screens and conversation.

As an “academic commons,” with access to state-of-the-art technology and a fully powered and networked design that encourages creativity and idea-sharing, the Convergence Center was well on its way.

Several years in the making, the center places UMW in the national forefront in using technology to advance learning and digital literacy. It also prepares students to work in cutting-edge technology settings. “This is a game-changer,” Board of Visitors Rector Holly Tace Cuellar '89 said at the Sept. 18 dedication ceremony. “There’s absolutely no doubt about it.”

McClurken, a professor of history and American studies, is the special assistant to the provost in charge of the University of Mary Washington’s newest and highest-tech academic building.

His pride in the building was evident as he showed a visitor through its 78,000 square feet of classrooms, studios, collaboration spaces, a sophisticated digital auditorium, a locally owned coffee shop – and some scary cool chairs.

Some highlights:

- ▀ A soaring media wall is made up of flat-screen TVs that can coordinate to form one moving image or 43 individual ones. The wall,

AHEAD

**Center merges teaching,
learning, and technology**

Photographs by Norm Shafer

Story by staff writers



a showcase for students' digital work, greets visitors entering through the second-floor doors, off Campus Walk on the northern side of campus.

- » A three-story digital auditorium is equipped with screens, projectors, and movable seating. The space is flexible enough for concerts, speakers, dances, and more.
- » Active-learning classrooms allow students to work in clusters around big computer screens, sharing their projects or seeing material from the professor's computer. Classes are interactive, so back-of-the-room naps are unlikely.
The classrooms can accommodate up to 36 students, "which for Mary Washington is a big class," McClurken said. "But the idea is that you don't lose intimacy."
- » A digital archiving lab lets UMW digitize its collections and train students in archiving techniques. The lab overlooks Campus Walk and leads to an elevated walkway connecting the Convergence Center to the Simpson Library next door.



Tech-ed-out classrooms give students new ways to connect with one another, and with their professors. Below, gravity-defying chairs offer students an adrenaline rush between classes.



» A newly created digital-knowledge center helps students not only master the technology needed for a particular project, but hone their ideas and focus. Student tutors staff the digital-knowledge center, following the model of UMW's writing and speaking centers. Those centers also have a new home at the Convergence Center.

"Students will come in with varying levels of expertise," McClurken said. "But when they leave they will have digital fluency, not just literacy. That means they're not able just to consume, but to analyze and create a digital product."

» And then there are those chairs.

Tucked away on the fourth floor are two "spun" chairs that whirl sitters in defiance of gravity. "You have to trust the chairs," McClurken said, demonstrating, as a couple of students walked by.

One had already taken one of the chairs for a spin. "It's a little bit terrifying," she said, "but also thrilling." ▲





Quiet concentration is possible at the Convergence Center, thanks to thoughtfully designed study spaces. But there are plenty of places for conversation and collaboration, too, including a studio with a 3-D green screen.



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— Board of Visitors Rector Holly Tace Cuellar '89



LEARNING LAB

SERVICE DOGS TRAIN ON CAMPUS

THERE WAS A NEW STUDENT IN THE TUESDAY afternoon principles of management class this fall.

Meet Farrah, a Labrador and golden retriever mix and service dog in training. Farrah is one of two dogs in the University of Mary Washington's chapter of Canine Companions for Independence started this fall and founded by UMW juniors **Rebekah Selbrede and Abigail Hannell**.

Having grown up with dogs, both women were eager to put their love of animals toward a meaningful cause. After a year of planning, Selbrede and Hannell traveled to New York in June to pick up Dragon and Farrah. As service dogs in training, Dragon and Farrah will eventually be paired with people in need of help with a physical or hearing disability.

Guiding pups to become service animals isn't the same as having a pet. "It's like having a child," Selbrede said. "It's a big responsibility to train these dogs."

Over the next year and a half, Dragon and Farrah will learn 30 basic commands, house training, and socialization. Busy college campuses create the perfect training ground for socialization skills, but it's hard to get students to ask before interacting with the dogs.

"When Dragon has his cape on, he's working," said Selbrede, a psychology major from Chesapeake, Virginia. "If students pet him while he's learning, it can be a distraction."

Hannell, a business major from Lynchburg, and Farrah arrive on campus at 7:30 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for a full day of classes that doesn't end until 5 p.m. "She will play with her chew toy and sleep in class. Sometimes she starts snoring, and I have to nudge her to wake her back up," Hannell said. After the long day, the cape comes off and it's well-deserved playtime at home.

Within a few weeks, Selbrede realized 4-month-old Dragon wasn't quite ready for college and back-to-back classes. "He has about a one-hour attention span but has trouble doing more than that," Selbrede said. She and CCI coordinators knew he needed to progress more slowly, and he was reassigned to another trainer.

Canine Companions' trained dogs usually serve for about eight years before retiring to be pets. The goal of the nonprofit organization is to enhance the lives of people with disabilities by providing trained assistance dogs and ongoing support for partnerships. Based in Santa Rosa, California, Canine Companions has matched 4,460 trained dogs and owners since it was founded in 1975 and today has more than 3,000 volunteers across the United States.

UMW's student-run chapter, called CCI@UMW, is funded in part by the Incubator Program of the UMW Center for Honor, Leadership, and Service. Student trainers each pay for most of the dogs' expenses themselves, and provide round-the-clock care and training. Because the UMW club will focus on fundraising and awareness, Hannell and Selbrede hope it will defray future out-of-pocket costs for volunteers. CCI@UMW will also provide opportunities for students to help with puppy-sitting and training.

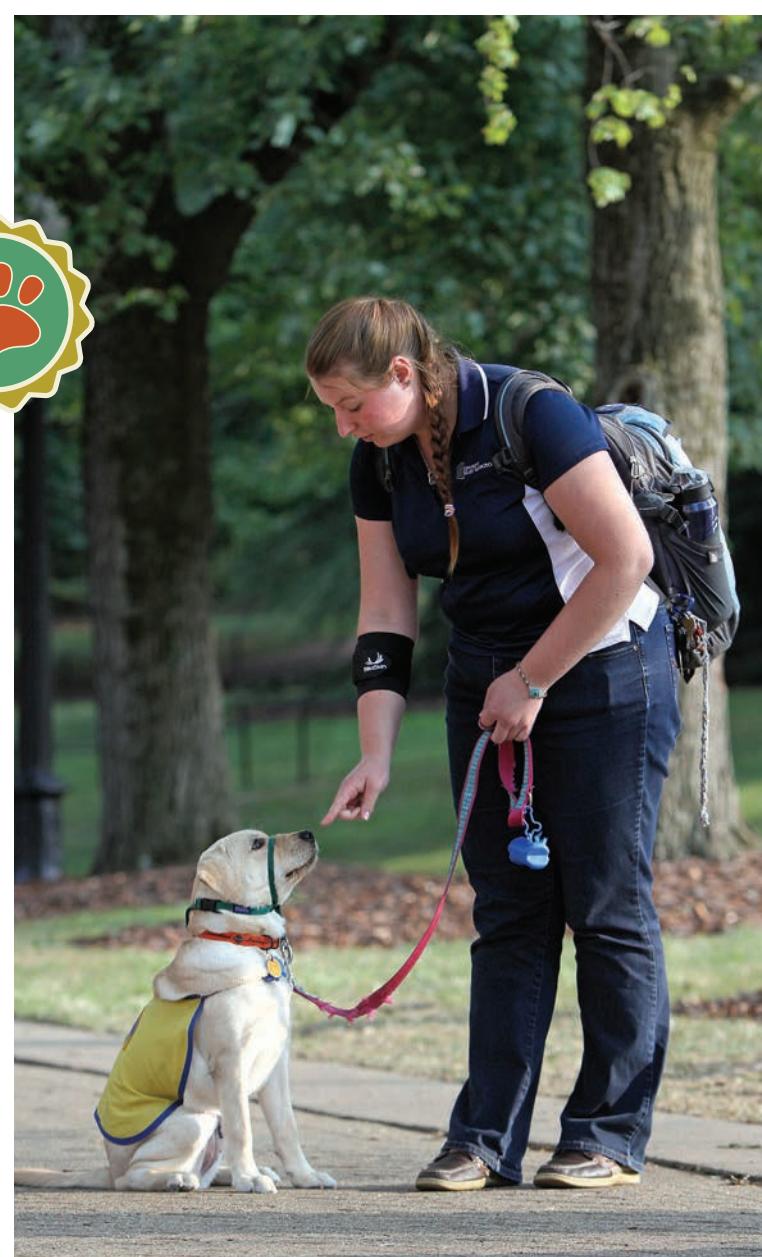
Hannell plans to return Farrah to Canine Companions next November for advanced, formal training at one of its five regional training centers. She and Selbrede are keenly aware of the greater purpose the dogs serve, and they know saying goodbye is not easy.

"Farrah is going to make an impact on someone else's life," Hannell said. "And I want her to be able to do that." ■



STORY BY ERIKA SPIVEY '11

PHOTOS BY NORM SHAFER



Left: Service-dog trainers ask a lot of their assigned Labrador-golden retriever puppies, including Dragon. Below, left and right: Abigail Hannell and Farrah attend class and practice focusing on a task outdoors.



Who: Charlie Sharpless, associate professor of chemistry

At UMW since: 2004

Academic specialties: environmental photochemistry; mentoring students in research projects

What is environmental photochemistry? It's the chemistry that happens when sunlight is absorbed by compounds at the earth's surface. These reactions happen in air and water, but since I'm a water chemist, I'm interested in what's going on in lakes, rivers, and coastal marine systems.

What my students and I focus on is the way sunlight alters the oxygen chemistry in water and the effect that can have on contaminants. Normally oxygen isn't very reactive but some of the natural organic matter – the brown stuff in water left over from plant and algae degradation – will transfer energy from the sunlight to the oxygen, and all of a sudden you get new kinds of oxygen chemistry that weren't there before.

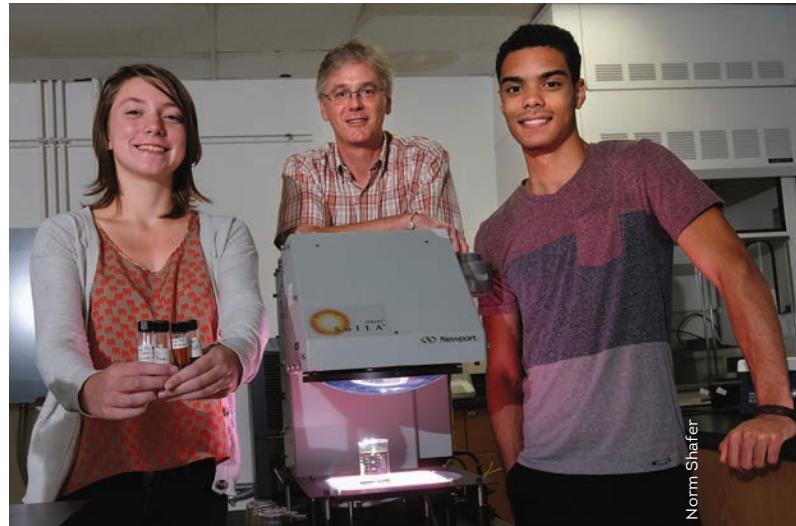
Can you give an example? One of the projects we're working on is how photochemistry affects the fate of pharmaceutical compounds that make their way out of wastewater treatment plants into rivers. It's funded through the National Science Foundation and involves collaboration with environmental engineers and earth scientists at the University of Connecticut and Ohio State.

What pharmaceuticals are you studying? There's a list of about 15 we plan to monitor in our test sites. The pharmaceuticals that initially concerned the environmental chemistry community are ones that could have endocrine-disrupting steroid effects in wildlife. Every once in a while studies appear in the news about hermaphroditic frogs or fish with abnormal sexual development, and there's concern that these effects are linked to steroid pharmaceuticals or even pesticides in the water. But nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, like ibuprofen, can have toxic effects on wildlife as well.

Is your sample site in the Rappahannock River? No.

The Rappahannock thankfully has very little chemical contamination.

We have two sites in Connecticut and one in Ohio. The main one in Connecticut involves a wastewater plant that serves a retirement community of about 5,000 with associated medical facilities. The plant discharges into a small river. Every morning when folks go to the bathroom there's a big flush. Around early afternoon if you're measuring pharmaceutical compounds in the wastewater, you can see the pulse in the river of unmetabolized drugs excreted by people. Our colleagues at UConn are doing the analysis for pharmaceuticals.



Norm Shafer

Charlie Sharpless (center) mentors July Laszakovits '16, who studies degradation of pharmaceutical compounds in streams, and Orlando Stewart Jr. '15, who studies how sunlight breaks down oil from a 2010 spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Do your students go to Connecticut for this work? We mainly replicate the photochemistry in our lab here at UMW, but we will go to Connecticut to do some fieldwork later this year. Ideally, we'll have a string of sunny days with no rainfall, and we should be able to judge the effects of sunlight by analyzing samples at different points downstream of the plant.

You also collaborate with scientists at Woods Hole

Oceanographic Institution. How did that come about? In

2006, my wife and I decided to spend the summer at her family home in Falmouth, Massachusetts, which is near Woods Hole. I reached out to some scientists via email, and as serendipity would have it, one of them, Chris Reddy, actually had an environmental photochemistry problem. His team had been monitoring an oil spill on a Cape Cod beach, focusing on polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. These are components of oil, and they are environmentally persistent because they're not water-soluble or very biodegradable. The PAHs on this beach were going away, faster above the tide level than below. Our hypothesis, which we published good evidence for, was that they were going away because of photochemistry. The rates were slower below the tide line because those rocks spent some of their day underwater and didn't see as much sunlight as the ones above water. Recently, the Woods Hole folks and I have teamed up again to collaborate on another National Science Foundation project to figure out what role photochemistry played in degrading oil from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster. Next September, we'll go down to the Gulf of Mexico on a research cruise to collect some more samples, and this will involve a UMW student. I'm very excited.



Books by UMW alumni

A Kind of Dream: Stories

Kelly Cherry '61

In these interlinked stories, five generations of an artistic family explore the ups and downs of life – fame, death, self-destruction, love, parenthood, and the excitement of making good art. Cherry, a former poet laureate of Virginia, has previously published 21 books, nine chapbooks, and two translations of classical drama.

– University of Wisconsin Press, *Terrace Books*, May 2014

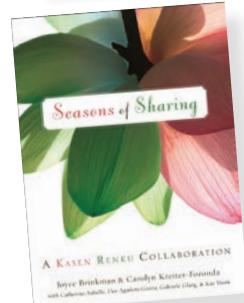


Seasons of Sharing: A Kasen Renku Collaboration

Carolyn Kreiter-Foronda '69 with Joyce Brinkman and others

Former Virginia poet laureate Kreiter-Foronda and former Indiana poet laureate Joyce Brinkman have produced this poetry collection in partnership with Kae Morii of Japan, Gabriele Glang of Germany, Flor Aguilera Garcia of Mexico, and Catherine Aubelle of France. The poems explore events of global significance such as the Arab Spring, climate change, and urban violence.

– Leapfrog Press, September 2014

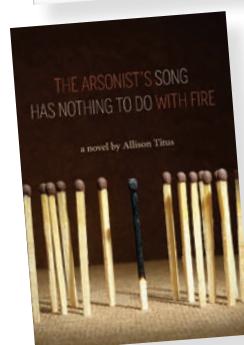


The Arsonist's Song Has Nothing to Do With Fire

Allison Titus '98

Three lonely misfits attempt to connect to the modern world: Vivian, a wallflower who's obsessed with death; Ronny, an arsonist resisting the urge to burn the whole town down; and the Doctor, who struggles to glorify his legacy with a reckless vision of human flight. This book, Titus' first novel, follows her book of poems, *Sum of Every Lost Ship*.

– Etruscan Press, May 2014

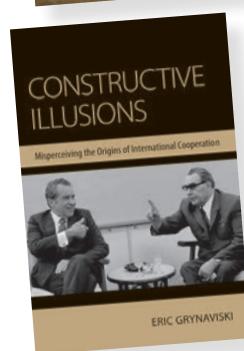


Constructive Illusions: Misperceiving the Origins of International Cooperation

Eric Grynавiski '99

It's better for international cooperation if nations don't really understand one another but think they do, author Grynавiski theorizes. Such "constructive misunderstanding" fosters the illusion that all parties will benefit from a shared undertaking. The author explores how these helpful misperceptions eased tensions between the U.S. and Soviet Union from 1972 to 1979.

– Cornell University Press, July 2014



Book by UMW faculty

Balancing the Big Stuff: Finding Happiness in Work, Family, and Life

Miriam Liss, professor of psychology, and Holly Schiffrin, associate professor of psychology

The authors "have penned the definitive book on work-life balance – an elegant blend of engaging stories, illuminating examples, and cutting-edge empirical evidence," wrote Sonja Lyubomirsky, author of *The Myths of Happiness* and *The How of Happiness*.

– Rowman & Littlefield, August 2014





Give It Your Best Shot

The snow started overnight Sunday, Jan. 7, 1996, and didn't let up for two full days. By the time the Blizzard of '96 ended, the East Coast was shut down from North Carolina to Maine, and the Mary Washington campus lay beneath 21 inches of snow. The mammoth storm meant canceled classes – and a perfect occasion to slide down the hill behind Brent House.

With sleds in short supply, one student turned a silver platter into an upscale ride. Can you help us identify the innovative sledder in this Barry Fitzgerald photo from Jan. 8, 1996? Go online to magazine.umw.edu and click "Get the Picture" to leave a comment.

Or send an email with "Get the Picture" in the subject line to magazine@umw.edu.

You may also write to:

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You Got It!

Thanks to **Helen Tracy Totura '43**, we know one of the three "cheerful pie-making girls" featured in the last Get the Picture challenge in the spring 2014 *UMW Magazine*. Helen identified **Alice Burton Chappell '43**, her suitemate in her second year, as the baker kneeling in the foreground. Alice, a home economics major, passed away in 1986.

Along with identifying her suitemate, Helen wrote: "I am a faithful reader of *University of Mary Washington Magazine*, and it brings back many happy memories. I visited the campus the fall of 2011 and marveled at the growth with all the new buildings. It is still a beautiful campus." She also reported that her great-granddaughter was accepted for fall semester. Let's hear it for families sharing UMW!

And, if anyone can identify the other bakers, it's not too late to let us know.





Bravo, Chef!



Fans of the Bravo reality cooking competition *Top Chef* got to witness the culinary chops of **George Pagonis '05**. The show's 12th season, filmed in Boston, began Oct. 15.

Pagonis is executive chef and partner at Washington, D.C.'s Kapnos, the first Greek restaurant of celebrity chef Mike Isabella. Pagonis came to the restaurant in 2013 after having served as chef de cuisine at Isabella's Graffiato, also in Washington. He has also worked in fine-dining restaurants in New York.

After earning a degree in business administration at Mary Washington, Pagonis got a degree

from the Culinary Institute of America. His first restaurant experience was at his father's diner, The Four Seasons, in Alexandria, Virginia.

Marshall Center Names CEO

Patricia "Pat" Magee Daly '73 has been named president and chief executive officer of the George C. Marshall International Center in Leesburg, Virginia.

Daly, who studied English and has been an attorney and business owner, aims to expand the center's education and community outreach programs. She had been the Marshall Center's executive director since 2011.

Daly holds a law degree from Samford University's

Cumberland School of Law and a master of laws degree in securities regulation from Georgetown University Law School. She has been a law firm partner and president of a finance company, and has held executive positions in businesses and nonprofits.



Poet of Visual Arts

The Library of Virginia and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts have named **Carolyn Kreiter-Foronda '69** the winner of the second annual Art in Literature: Mary Lynn Kotz Award.

The award recognizes an outstanding book on the theme of visual artists or art. Kreiter-Foronda won for a book of poetry, *The Embrace: Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo*, published in 2013. She was one of five finalists.

Kreiter-Foronda studied English at Mary Washington and received its 2007 distinguished alumnus award. She was Virginia poet laureate from 2006-2008 and holds two master's degrees and a doctorate from George Mason University.

She received the award and spoke about her work and the art that inspired her at a ceremony in Richmond on Oct. 7, in conjunction with the Library of Virginia's week-long Virginia Literary Festival.



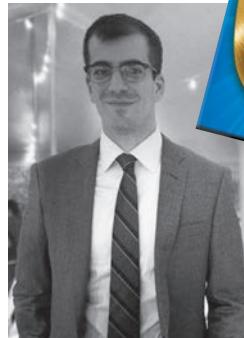
Marie Harris

Animator Gets Emmy Nod

Alexander Cardia '07 received a news and documentary Emmy nomination for his animation and design work on the PBS production *Superheroes: A Never-Ending Battle*.

Narrated by actor Liev Schreiber, *Superheroes* is "the first documentary to examine the dawn of the comic book genre and its powerful legacy," according to PBS.

Cardia, who studied English, conceived all visual elements for the three-part series, including 2-D and 3-D animations, titling, and backgrounds. The news and documentary Emmys were awarded Sept. 30.





1. Members of the Alumni Board gather at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center during Homecoming Weekend '14, Oct. 24 and 25.
2. **Karmel James '13** talks with **Charles Reed '11** and **Sarah Bachmann '12** at Mary Washington First in DC, Sept. 9.
3. **Shelley Hillberry '10**, **Justine Rothbart '11**, John Stinson, **Katherine Stinson '10**, and Joyanna Moy attend Mary Washington First in DC.
4. & 5. Recent graduates socialize under the Alumni Association tent at Homecoming '14.
6. Members of the Class of '09 get together at Homecoming '14.
7. **Marybeth Woody Sandridge '09** joins her aunt, **Katharine Emrey Schulze '82**, at the Sept. 20 legacy breakfast during Family Weekend.
8. The Bashore family, **Scott '90**, Aidan, **Julia '18**, Nolan, and **Kristin Kelly '89**, smile for the camera after the legacy breakfast.

Save the date!

If your class year ends in 0 or 5, mark your calendar for Reunion Weekend, Friday, May 29, through Sunday, May 31, 2015.

Members of classes 1964 and earlier, the 1908 Society, are also invited. Look for details online at alumni.umw.edu/reunionweekend.

Class Notes

If you prefer to submit Class Notes by mail, send to:
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Let us hear from you!

Deadlines for submissions
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Material received by	Appears in
MARCH 1	SUMMER
JULY 1	FALL/WINTER
NOVEMBER 1	SPRING

1941

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I believe **Dorothy Shaw** is our most active classmate. She winters in the Buffalo family home, doing good for others, and summers on her nearby farm, where she built a cabin and raises goats, chickens, and dogs. She visits relatives she discovered in England and keeps up with freshman-year roommate **Myra McCormick**. We should all have Dorothy's stamina in our 90s!

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Kathryn Ryan awaits the beautiful *UMW Magazine* but doesn't see much 1947 news. She loves the country-club setting in Ocala but, at 89, no longer plays tennis. She walks, swims, dances, and drives! With fantastic memories of classmates, roommates in Ball, and the little house behind Westmoreland, she sends her love.

1948

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First, sad news of the passing of three good friends: **Geraldine "Jerry" White**, **Elizabeth "Betty" Bennett Ferguson**, and **Sarah Armstrong Worman Gregg**. Our thoughts are with their families.

The Class of 1948 sends little news since **Bette Worsham Dunford** stepped down as class agent, **Lois Saunier Hornsby** wrote, but the class still loves Mary Washington, and their alma mater continues to make them proud. The summer *UMW Magazine*'s news of the amphitheater restoration brought Lois thoughts of Devil-Goat events welcoming freshmen each year and gratitude that the school is

Boyd and Mrs. Ruth Graves.

Justin Edwards Borland, still a delight telling *The Night Before Christmas*, moved to Williamsburg with family, Lois said. She reported that **Eveline "Bunny" Johnson Wood** is in Lynchburg and **Carol Byrd Williamson** is still in Charlottesville. Lois recently saw **Helen Compton Newman** in Charlotte, North Carolina, and **Ann Gregg Woods** at Richmond Woman's Club.

Lois said she and her classmates talk of having a Mary Washington reunion, and the alumni office has offered to help. Please give her a call with ideas, she said, and "it just might happen. Our friends and days in those years are worth the good thought."

Jane Smallwood returned in June from a cold, rainy Scandinavian cruise, visiting Tallinn, Estonia; Helsinki, Finland; Visby, Sweden; and St. Petersburg, Russia, where she and daughter Ann saw *Swan Lake*. They saw 12 hours of sunshine in 12 days, but so far north, night was only five hours long.

1949

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On May 30, exactly 65 years since our graduation, the Fabulous Forty-Niners who came for Reunion Weekend were few in number but grand in spirit. Only six classmates registered for what

Dorothy Shaw '41 spends summers on her New York farm, where she built a cabin and raises goats, chickens, and dogs.

working to restore some of the beautiful places on "old campus."

Lois sent photos from Reunion Weekend 2008, including one of her with **Glenna Graves Shiflett**, **Muriel Harmon Lake**, **Jane McCullough Smallwood**, and **Miriam "Whickey" Whitley Knight** at Carlton, the historic Fredericksburg-area home of Glenna's late parents, Professor

probably was to be our ultimate class reunion. **Betty Bond "B.B." Heller Nichols** was chauffeured by her son-in-law, who returned to Lexington for his son's championship tennis tournament. **Charlotte "Chot" Baylis Rexon**'s daughter drove her from Haddonfield, New Jersey. **Christine "Tina" Dunnavant Ridgwell** came from Norfolk with daughter **Linda Ridgwell Church '79**,

who attended her own reunion.

Elizabeth "Betty" Fischer Gore came from Fairfax, Virginia.

Dolores "Dee" Ross arrived from Kilmarnock. **June Davis McCormick** flew from St. Louis to Richmond, and niece Happy drove her to Fredericksburg. The classmates smiled and hugged when they met at President Hurley's reception at Brompton! June and **Cynthia "Cindy" Snyder '75** shrieked in recognition when they spied each other.

As former alumni relations director, Cindy had been our coor- dinator, adviser, and friend for nearly 25 years. She'd announced her retirement at month's end but continued her thoughtfulness and whirlwind activities throughout the weekend. She brought to our table a parade of UMW staff members and the couple we all remember, **Marceline "Marcy" Weatherly Morris '50** and her all- time beau, **Elmer "Juney" Morris Jr. '50**. You saw last fall's *UMW Magazine* cover story. We can attest to their loving togetherness. When we told Marcy we still could picture her in her major- ette uniform, twirling her baton, Juney beamed with pride at his forever-beautiful bride.

Two of the four BFFs who've held the attendance record – **Jane Yeatman Spangler** in North Carolina and **Dorothy "Dotty" Booker Pinkham** in Vermont – were unable to attend. Their record 12 consecutive reunions fell to **Betty Bond** and **Chot**, who've now attended 13.

The 26 classmates at our 60th, when a downpour dampened our day, will want to know that the weather was perfect, with moderate temps and blue skies. Several classes, including ours, stayed in the new Hyatt Place in Eagle Village, connected to campus by the pedestrian bridge over U.S. 1. For once, we had no parking problems! Buses and golf carts took us to and from GW. We octogenarians, and our limbs, hips, and knees, were grateful to the volunteer drivers. Thanks to Director of Alumni Relations **Mark Thaden '02** and his youth- ful staff for extra efforts to correct oversights and meet our needs.

Other classes planned dinners at venues around town, but our

'41 Grad Still Fearless

Lois Loehr Brown '41 couldn't have articulated exactly what she felt the spring she graduated from Mary Washington. But she would carry the buoyant feeling with her when she interviewed for – and landed – her first teaching job in Middlesex County, Virginia, that autumn. Brown possessed it when, after moving to Detroit with her young family after World War II, she was required to take a speech class so the locals could understand her. And she carried it with her on solo travels all over the world – including East Africa, Israel, China, and the Soviet Union.

"I didn't realize at the time, but when I came out of Mary Washington, I felt confidence," said Brown, 95, a longtime class agent who lives in Annandale, Virginia.

The great-granddaughter of Prussian immigrants and the granddaughter of a Confederate soldier, Brown grew up in the shadow of Robert E. Lee's bronze

likeness in Richmond. She headed to Fredericksburg in the fall of 1937 to pursue a degree in physical education.

"The rules were fascinating. If we wanted to go downtown, we had to wear stockings, which had seams up the back. If we didn't want to wear them, we took a pencil and made a seam," she said. Socializing with the opposite sex was strictly monitored. "You could not just have anybody come and date you."

Nina Bushnell, the often-remembered dean of women, kept a list of pre-approved names. "The boy would report to her, and you would be summoned."

Brown's classmates were Fauquier County farm girls and aspiring movie stars from California, and she kept in touch with many of them for the rest of their lives. The same went for educators: Dean Edward Alvey, who wrote beautiful letters of recommendation; Professor William McDermott, who taught her to play cribbage; and biology professor Hugo Iltis, who answered

her questions when Brown became an educator herself.

There was President Morgan Combs who, Brown remembered, "was not a friendly man at all but a great politician."

In a bid for a new library, Combs summoned all the students into the outdated one before inviting the governor in. "We were sitting on the floors, on the windowsills. He said, 'See, we need money for a library!'"

As a young teacher, Brown moved her desk from the front of the room to the back to encourage students' independence. She would clear the furniture, put on a record, and encourage doctors' daughters to dance with watermen's sons.

In 1957, a year after earning a master's degree from the University of Virginia, Brown became a special education teacher when the concept was mostly unknown. Her first orders of business: replacing craft-making materials with books and arranging for her students to take the regular bus with everyone else.

She went head-to-head with a superintendent for a storm fence near a ravine that backed against the playground. And she stood up to administrators who tried to place normal-ability students in her class when other teachers couldn't handle their behavioral problems.

Perhaps, Brown said, she was born with the fearlessness and creativity that took her through a 30-year career in education and beyond. But at Mary Washington, those qualities blossomed.

– Kristin Davis



Right: Lois Loehr Brown collected 92 pounds of food for the hungry for her 92nd birthday.

Above: Mary Washington senior Lois Loehr in the 1941 *Battlefield* yearbook.



Jane McCullough Smallwood '48 took a Scandinavian cruise, visited St. Petersburg, Russia, and saw Swan Lake.

class combined with others that had previously observed their 50th reunions into a group called the "1908 Society" rather than the "Golden Society." The consensus was a preference for the latter since the former sounds as if we were products of the earlier-founded State Normal School. We admit we're "golden oldies," but we're not *that* old! The Friday night dinner was in the Seacobeck faculty dining room, with many from the Class of '59 and others. Instead of the formal dining rooms of our era, there are specialty sites for pizza, pasta, and burgers in the student dining areas. Today's students may prefer informality, but we're blessed to have experienced Mrs. Bushnell's instructed social graces ... and "Twilight Time."

Betty Bond, Chot, Betty, and June were tired, and without a piano for B.B. to play our favorites, we retired to our rooms. Tina stayed elsewhere with her daughter and the Class of '79. Dee was in the bedroom she donated at Kalnen Inn when it was added to the Jepson Alumni Executive Center.

On Saturday, June and Happy were booked for an Alumni College session with professor emeritus William Crawley, who discussed writing his centennial history of Mary Washington.

We rejoined classmates for a Ball Circle picnic. We were scheduled as the "1908 Society" for class photos but also got one of just the Fabulous Forty-Niners, standing on Lee Hall steps, trying to look younger than our years. Betty Bond reminds us, "We're still cute!" We were told **Phyllis Link Atkins'** daughters brought her to the picnic but, apparently, she left before we could talk with her. **Betty Fulk Strider '47** and Betty Gore, friends when their doctor husbands served residencies in Charlottesville in the '50s, sat together.

We were asked to bring mementos, and though we'd contributed

many for our 50th, **Frances "Blackie" Horn Nygood** sent a few items – faded mimeographed programs from class plays, especially our iconic namesake senior production; invitations from dance clubs (remember German and cotillion dances?); filled-out dance cards; and odds and ends of pre-computer days. We donated them to the Office of Alumni Relations. So now they're gone, Blackie!

Betty Bond and Chot had family commitments and planned to leave after Saturday's picnic. We took pictures and left our tent for one last familiar ritual – the releasing of balloons we designed years ago, with the iconic red devils and our own legend of Fabulous Forty-Niners in MWC-blue ink. They'd lost elasticity but held adequate helium. With Cindy's help, we released one for each person present. This balloon release, more symbolic than those past, was followed by teary goodbyes to our longtime friends ... until we meet again.

Dr. Crawley signed his hefty tome in the bookstore, where we talked until it was about to close. Back at Hyatt Place, we realized we hadn't paid for his book! OMG, what to do? The bookstore was closed! At a cocktail party for the Kalnen Inn's 10th anniversary, Dee again was honored. A patio table was reserved for us next door at Jepson, and when we went inside, we spotted the Crawleys. We confessed our chagrin at the faux pas, and he pronounced the book "his gift!" What a courtly Southern gentleman, but that wasn't the answer we sought. (After returning home and a plethora of emails and phone calls, the book finally was paid for, the worry over, and the Honor System intact!) Venturing inside for dessert, we saw frenzied dancing to today's music, so we remained outside, with delicious food and libations (looking over our shoulder for Stu Goo). The nostalgia-filled Sunday morning farewell brunch was at Jepson. Know that *you*

were among the classmates deeply missed! To see photos from the event, go to flickr.com/photos/umwadvancement/sets. Select Albums and then "Class of 1949 - Special."

Following a stay in Richmond, with a trip to our hometown and family duties, we boarded a plane back to St. Louis and opened Dr. Crawley's book. A young man saw it and asked if we'd gone to Mary Washington. He turned out to be **Michael "Mike" Jacobs '06**, who also took Dr. Crawley's classes and had his book. Richmond was his home, but he was returning to San Francisco, where he now lives and works. The flight became a May-December recounting of days at our alma mater. Small world!

Anne McCaskill Libis reported the passing of lifelong friend **Margaret "Peggy" Elliott Sweeney**. Peggy had been in declining health and in an assisted

for a plethora of lifelong friends. Lucy will be greatly missed by all whose lives she faithfully and lovingly touched.

Harriet "Scotty" Scott Brockenbrough lost sister **Martha Scott Rogers '44** in

January. Four months later, Scotty lost her brother-in-law, Spencer Rogers, Martha's husband of 68 years. Harriet and Martha were members of Mary Washington's Alumnae Daughters since their mother, **Sara Temple Segar 1914**, was in the first class to enter the Fredericksburg State Normal and Industrial School for Women in 1911-12.

While we flew east to celebrate our 65th, **Corinne "Conni" Conley Stuart** flew from Toronto to grandson Fran's high school graduation in St. Louis and granddaughter Elsa's return from Mizzou at Columbia. Like ships passing in the night, June and Connie just missed each other.

Betty Bond "B.B." Heller Nichols '49 plays at a piano bar, gets paid for it, and has an overflowing tip jar.

living facility near Philadelphia, where she died in June from Alzheimer's and pneumonia. Peggy's daughter, Christine, married **Betty Forsyth Somers'** son, Scott. Betty and husband Lewis tragically died from carbon monoxide poisoning during Hurricane Irene in 2011. Peggy was buried beside her beloved husband, Mickey, in Ilion, New York. Anne and husband Claude planned to attend the memorial service. We sent condolences on behalf of the class to Christine and her family.

Barbara Trimm Wright said **Lucinda "Lucy" Vance Gilmer**, who had been recovering from a stroke, passed away suddenly in July, shortly after her 87th birthday. We have long reported Lucy's ongoing activities and interests in Bristol, Virginia. She was devoted to her family members, involved with her church, supportive of her two colleges, proud of her "adopted" students and their families, and grateful

Post-reunion, B.B. started playing weekly at a new Lexington piano bar. After a lifetime giving of her talents, she's being paid and has an overflowing tip jar! How's that for another octogenarian? Go, B.B.!

As ever, love to all of you from both of us.

1950

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In my last column, I commented on the harsh Northeast winter. I also had a painful bout of sciatica, but that subsided.

Carol Bailey Miller, who was walking with a cane, went to the ER with pain in her knee. Carol was elected to the Cumberland Historical Society board and is involved with Virginia Horse Show history.

Mim Sollows Wieland and Earl were busy in Atlanta in May



attending parties for granddaughter Kathryn, an Auburn graduate who works in Home Depot's financial department. Grandson Michael, an Eagle Scout, graduated from high school, was named Catholic youth of the year in his diocese, and received a scholarship to the University of South Carolina. Mim and Earl are looking into a nearby assisted living residence so they can still attend their church, keep their doctors, and be near friends.

Please send news to the Office of Alumni Relations or to me.

1951

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1952

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Susan Hutcheson Jurgens and **Maxine Haley Hazelgrove** attended their 66th high school reunion in Ashland, Virginia, last spring. There were 10 in their group out of a possible 25. Susan

Joyce Long Moore '52 visited her daughter in British Columbia and went to Denali National Park during an Alaskan cruise.

planned a fall Road Scholar trip to England.

Ginny Orkney Philbrick has nine children and two great-grandchildren, one of whom lives in Bedford, Virginia, Ginny's hometown.

Carol Edgerton Cooper still lives in her Falls Church, Virginia, house but was considering a retirement community. She no longer plays tennis but enjoys yearly visits from her six grandsons. A granddaughter is training to be on the U.S. volleyball team, and a grandson, a Navy SEALs representative, teaches leadership at the Naval Academy.

Weege Attianese Harlow spent three months in her Florida

condo last winter and was visited by Carol Edgerton Cooper and **Marge Davis Palmer**.

Elaine Nader Powell of Springfield, Virginia, who received a kidney transplant in September 2012, is one of the few patients to have received one at her age. Elaine worked part time during the holidays, dines out with her husband, and goes to her grandchildren's soccer games.

Joyce Long Moore spent time with her daughter in Victoria, British Columbia, where they visited Butchart Gardens. They took an Alaskan cruise and visited Denali National Park. Joyce expected her fourth great-grandchild in October.

Gwen Amory Cumming still lives in her Hampton, Virginia, home. Her four children live in Richmond, Williamsburg, and Hampton. Gwen is involved with her church and the Hampton History Museum. She returned to Mary Washington recently with daughter **Ann Randolph Cumming '84**, who celebrated her 30th reunion. Gwen lost her only sister, **Alyce Amory Roach '42**, in April.

or mountain climbing! Send news. We like to hear about you!

1953

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Only **Sara Mott Gabler Blevin** and **Barbara White Ramer** responded. Both are well, as am I. My husband has prepared tax returns for 60 years and again opened his own office, where I assist.

1954

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1955

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It's been increasingly difficult to get responses, so I have a proposition. Since our 60th reunion is next year, let's recall interesting or outrageous events and favorite professors at MWC for future class notes. I'm saving one **Charlotte Fisher Klaproth** sent that everyone probably will remember.

Betsy Blackwell Fowler wishes happy 80th birthdays to all. Of course, those in their 90s are old, not us. Betsy's husband, Jim, has dementia and is in assisted living. They have dinner together, and he still welcomes her when she visits. Betsy said former roommate **Josephine Jane Worthington Williams Phillips Van Hook** passed away in January.

Charlotte Fisher Klaproth and Chris cruised up the East Coast, starting in Boston, sailed around to Quebec, and took a train to Montreal before flying home. They visited shops where they'd taken their children when they were small.

Sally Hanger Moravitz's husband, Fran, bought a seat in her honor in Klein Theatre, and they attended a reception given by President Hurley. Sally and Fran gave up long-distance traveling

but joined a March Road Scholar program, attending performances, visiting restaurants, touring backstage at Peabody and Center Stage theaters, and meeting performers. They visited Crisfield, Maryland, and traveled to Smith and Tangier islands to eat seafood and talk with the watermen.

Joan Kleinknecht recovered from a 10-day hospital stay and planned a trip to Seattle to visit the nephew she raised from 18 months. He's a Citadel graduate and Seattle Police Department captain with a wife and three daughters. The oldest models, and all play sports.

Life on the Main Line is good for **Pat Seitz Hartel**. She's in the Great Valley chapter of DAR and in real estate with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Wayne, Pennsylvania. Son Austin, head of University of Oklahoma's modern dance department, took his family to Brazil for the World Cup. Son Paul, an L.A. film editor, traveled to Wales for a documentary. Pat and husband Art volunteer with Delaware Riverkeeper and took the grandchildren and some of their parents on a Caribbean cruise last year.

Ginny Marco Hancock and some others sent a story about Willard freshman year that I'm saving for a future article. Ginny and Mike are contemplating downsizing and moving to Vermont. Son Greg and his family are in Vermont. Daughter Rebecca of Michigan was planning a September wedding.

One of **Anne Lou Rohrbach Culwell**'s great-granddaughters married in June. One planned an August wedding, and her brother plans one in May. A great-granddaughter had her second son in May, and a great-grandson

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Charlotte Fisher Klapproth '55 cruised up the East Coast from Boston, sailed around to Quebec, and took a train to Montreal.

and his wife expected a baby in December. The whole family now numbers more than 40. Anne Lou returned to Pennsylvania for a June mini-reunion with cousins and planned to attend the October balloon festival in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

My hip healed, and I'm back to work and saying exactly what's on my mind, a definite perk of old age. Take care, all of you, and dredge up those old memories.

1956

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Not much news these days. I suspect we're on a continuum of doctor appointments, bridge games, gardening, travel, church activities, and grandchildren. An orthopedic complaint led **Meg White Fary** of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, to Dr. John Chilton, the son of my cousin **Mary Chilton Newell '54**. Mary and husband Bill are great-grandparents in Mathews, Virginia. We visit each other and take occasional trips together. Meg and Frank have three children and six grandchildren.

Betty Davies Morie of Williamsburg lost husband Paul in June after a long illness. Betty's sister, **Peggy Davies McCartney '54**, and I shared an apartment when we taught in Fairfax County. She went on to teach in England, where she met Air Force officer James McCartney. They settled in Houston and have two sons and three granddaughters.

While researching retirement continuing care facilities, I met sales associate **Lisa Grant Wells '90** at The Village at Orchard Ridge in Winchester, Virginia. She taught middle school science until 2012 and lives with her husband and two children in Warrenton. **Anne Connor Hall '58**, also of Warrenton, is a Realtor who's served on many

civic boards. Husband John Hall passed away in spring.

I'm in my Warrenton condo in winter but otherwise enjoy farm life. Hope to hear from you by Christmas!

1957

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Mary Montague "Monti" Hudson Sikes' daughter, Alicia, was one of more than 100 women in June's all-female Air Race Classic, designed to encourage women to work as pilots. Alicia and her teammate flew 2,810 miles, from Concord, California, to New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, in three days. Alicia started flying lessons while at the University of South Carolina Honors College. She earned a bachelor's degree with honors in computer science and received

Mary Montague "Monti" Hudson Sikes '57 is proud that daughter Alicia, an American Airlines MD-80 captain, was one of more than 100 women in June's all-female Air Race Classic.

her private pilot's license. She began her career as an instructor, then went to TWA, where she flew the Boeing 727. Monti said Alicia, an American Airlines MD-80 captain, is among only 400 female captains in the world. Alicia inspired sister Allison to get into aviation. Allison earned a private pilot's license while earning a Ph.D. in polymer science at the University of Southern Mississippi.

My caregiving responsibilities for my husband, who suffered a traumatic brain injury more than 16 years ago, have increased, so I'm resigning as class agent and asking someone to take over. Don't let it stop with me!

1958

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Anne DePerry McGrath of Fredericksburg attends UMW programs, does photography, and helps raise grandchildren. **Kay Martin Britto** visited Chicago with her daughter in May and went to her 60th high school reunion in Maryland. She and her husband visited California in July and attended a September Road Scholar program in the North Carolina mountains.

Judy Townsend Bainbridge's history of Greenville law and lawyers since 1786 was to be published in fall. She and husband Bob planned an August garden tour of southern England.

Suzanne Doran Houser keeps up with **Patricia Lawder Rusk** of St. Simons Island, Georgia, **Jean Phipard Rutherford** of Norfolk, Virginia, and **Marie Cherry Koneczny** of Clifton. A music major, Suzanne graduated in three years and married her West Point sweetheart in 1957. They traveled the world for 30 years

with the Army, including three tours in Germany. They've been in Atlanta 27 years. Suzanne has taught children and adults since graduation. Two daughters live in Charlotte, North Carolina. Three grandchildren are college graduates. One is a college sophomore.

Joyce Butler Allen treated daughter Susan Crimmins to a two-week trip to London. Joyce's children are giving a chair in education in her honor to Davis and Elkins College. On their board of trustees since 1992, she plans to retire in May and attend her 60th high school reunion in October.

Jane Crenshaw Avera planned to visit her oldest children, Anne

and David, and their families, in California and watch the July Fourth fireworks from Anne and Charlie's boat in Lake Tahoe. Jane has been a weekend concierge at a Richmond retirement home for 10 years. Jane said **Judie Pyke Orrell** died in June 2013 after two years in a Virginia Beach nursing home. She had debilitating dementia and didn't know Jane when she visited her in 2012. Robert, Judie's husband, died suddenly in December 2012.

Mary Elizabeth Hendrickson Greenup's husband, Bill, said she passed away in February after heart surgery at the Medical College of Virginia. Married 55 years, they'd lived in Fredericksburg since 1961. Mary was active in Fredericksburg organizations and managed the Historic Kenmore gift shop for years. She is survived by two daughters and three grandsons. **Martha Kimball Hearn** of Fredericksburg attended the memorial service at St. George's Episcopal Church. Martha also will miss **Lucile Geoghegan Cheshire** and saw Bill, Lucy's husband, at daughter Helen's second wedding. Her four children were in the wedding and have Lucy's red hair. Martha planned to visit **Elinor Runge Vitek** in July when **Betsy Smith LaFever** passed through Virginia from Connecticut to her Florida home. Martha participates in UMW activities. After losing two husbands, she's dating an old high school friend, a West Point grad and retired general who lives in Virginia Beach.

Elizabeth "Betty" Gould Storms learned about Mary Greenup's death from a friend who'd attended St. Mary's Hall in Burlington, New Jersey. Betty and Mary Liz graduated from St. Mary's in 1954. Betty and husband Bob were helping daughter Susan cope with the death of her 54-year-old husband after a heart attack. He'd been preparing for a heart transplant. He and Susan have five children and one granddaughter.

Nancy Snook Miller said **Elizabeth "Bettie" Beckham Gentry** lost Bill, her Marine husband of 55 years, in June to Parkinson's disease. Bettie had cared for him at home. Nancy and



husband Jack spent many happy times with them. Nancy and Jack's daughter lives in Fredericksburg, so Nancy sees Martha Kimball Hearn. She and **Ruthie Edge Griggs** relive by phone their days in Framar and Custis.

Yvonne Lewis Alexander '58 has published two books, *Count It All Joy*, a faith-builder, and *Adventure in Autou*, a children's fantasy.

Fay Purcell Parke Cantrell, who lost her husband in an auto accident, married Alex Cantrell of Knoxville, Tennessee. They live on a working farm run by Alex's son. He raises Black Angus cattle and grows fruits and vegetables. Fay took her fourth European tour, then drove to their condo in St. Simons Island, Georgia, and visited her four sisters. Fay earned a master's degree from the University of Tennessee in 1981. A retired high school counselor, she still helps select scholarship recipients, is in a garden club, and grows blueberries. Alex stays busy at his office and has no plans to retire.

Edith "Edie" Massie Warner died in May at home, surrounded by her son, daughter, grandchildren, and pets. Husband Don Warner died in 1984. Edie taught second grade in Ann Arbor, Michigan, for 36 years.

Christine Harper Hovis '55 reports that **Kay Purdy Cook**, a longtime cancer survivor, died in June. After graduation, Kay, recruited by California public schools, began her teaching career in San Diego. The family moved to San Luis Obispo, where she was a classroom aide. Kay earned a certificate in library technology, managed an elementary school library, and received a 1996 Honorary Service Award. She leaves husband Bruce, son Christopher and wife Elisabeth, and grandson Ian. Kay lived by the theme "pay it forward with an act of kindness toward another."

Yvonne Lewis Alexander married husband of 53 years Harry Alexander before finishing Mary Washington. They had five children, 11 grandchildren,

and several great-grands. When Yvonne's youngest started fifth grade, she got re-certified, taught art in a Christian school for 17 years, and quit to help care for aging parents. Harry died of cancer in 2010, and a 10-month

time), ate filet mignon, and had our class meeting. We're now part of the 1908 Society, with classes that have celebrated 50th reunions. Saturday was beautiful, and the walkway from Willard to the Carmen Culpeper Chappell Centennial Campanile was streaming with people.

There were class pictures, picnics, tents, and activities until 6 o'clock, when all convened at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center. The Distinguished Alumnus, Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36 Service, and Outstanding Young Alumnus awards were presented. The class with the largest number of donors and contribution percentage was won by ... guess who? We did it again! Our class met for a slideshow songfest and danced the night away. Those left met for Sunday brunch at Jepson. Parting is such sweet sorrow, but plan to be there in another five years.

In June, we lost **Edith Sheppard Ott**, who had been hospitalized with an inoperable arterial tumor. Several of us attended her memorial service in Richmond.

After slipping and falling on her back at Gary's U.Va. reunion, **Marcia Phillips Ireland** was recovering. She missed our reunion but was there in spirit. **Sara Bryson Damskier** came from Denmark again, with son Hafdan, a psychiatric nurse and

These notes were hard to write. Five of my friends, none related to each other or me, died within two weeks. My sympathies to all who've lost loved ones. Thank you for sharing your joys, sorrows, and ability to go on.

1959

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Approximately 33 of us, with 12 supportive husbands and one terrific son, attended our 55th reunion. The campus was lovely, and the sun appeared Friday for the Brompton reception, as ordered by President and Mrs. Hurley. The food was delicious, the staff cooperative, and the Hyatt Place accommodations first-rate. Golf carts and trolleys were convenient, and everything was well planned!

We had about 20 for Thursday's dinner at Renato's. Friday's registration went like clockwork. Alumni College classes were popular. After the reception, we met at Seacobeck, began the memorial service (56 girls deceased this

photographer who made a class agent happy on the dance floor.

It was great to see Russ and Dan there, representing their late wives **Marianne Carrano Raphaely** and **Pat Gray Proulx**, in the middle of everything!

Dodie Reeder Hruby and her reunion committee are tops! Daughter Dorothea's two oldest are in college, and Dodie has a great-grandchild. She and Dale plan to move to Williamsburg. **Irene Piscopo Rodgers** is trying to completely retire to be with

Don, who's slowing down a bit. **Ann Brooks Coutsoubinas'** husband, Spiros, passed last year. Ann is subbing again in Greek. Son Gregory, in the Army Reserve, is recertifying for his EMT license. Daughter Anastasia was considering a career change that would bring her closer to Ann.

Emily Babb Carpenter and Tom, **Marcia Spence Harrison-Thornton** and Larry, and **Mary Fredman Downing** and Glenn were at the reunion. **Kay Rowe Hayes** and **Diana Trischman**

Lee kept the hospitality room humming. Diana's hip problems last year laid her low. She literally had to learn to walk again. **Nancy Gwaltney Gillette** of Spotsylvania joined the reunion committee. She and Bill have 10 grandchildren, five in college. Daughters Deborah and Mary Katherine are in Virginia. Daughter Karen and son David are in North Carolina.

Sally Arnold Sullivan and Bill, **Julia Coates Littlefield** and Mo, and **Jane Tricher Broadbooks** and John were there, looking great. **Barbara Gordon McNamee** and Bob have 17 grandchildren. She travels constantly as a College of William and Mary swim coach and fundraiser. **Frances Bourke Lirth** and husband John, my volunteer crowd controller, came from Oregon. Afterward, she visited her 100-year-old mother in North

Sara Bryson Damskier '59 and son Hafdan, a psychiatric nurse and photographer, traveled from Denmark to Sara's class reunion.

Carolina and friends and family on the East Coast. Bunkie hasn't changed a bit. **Edith Weber Staib**, **Nancy Smith Campbell**, **Nancy Crosland Lehfelat**, **Carol Daihler Leonard**, **Cecelia Bergin Robbins**, and **Sybil Child West** looked good.

Molly Bradshaw Clark lost husband Jack a few years ago and has started tackling her bucket list. **Audrey Manke Cameron** lost husband Gary but was energetic.

Edith Weber Staib planned a trip to Paris with daughter Kathy and

granddaughter Jenny. Husband Al was to meet them for a London-to-New York trans-Atlantic cruise.

Celeste Shipman Kaufman's granddaughter, Frances, Julie's daughter, was planning her wedding. Jeff's sons, Smylie and Lucke, stay busy in school and sports. **Joan Whittemore Loock** came from Alabama and said **Joan Essick Woloson** was recovering from a mini-stroke. **Barbara White Ellis** and **Donna Pethick Germelman** had fun.

Mary Jones Hoff of Michigan, a guidance counselor, lost husband Ed. Mary recovered from heart surgery, still lives in her house, and maintains a summer home.

Carolyn Hickman Bowman, Gail Fallon Neal, Carolyn Jones Yosaitis, Texie Pete Van Devender, and Barbara Hunter Kellogg are ageless. We're at an age when our bodies take control and sad things happen. I think

Sally Steinmetz '59 studies acting and West African hand drumming, and she appears in the local community college performing arts festival.

our turnout is always grand and we should keep on trucking!

Jo Neal Hendricks Scully is in Richmond near her son. **Sally Steinmetz** enjoys her condo and is active with Connecticut's Norwalk Community College. She's had a solo part in the school's performing arts festival for two years, takes acting and West African hand-drumming classes, and vacationed last summer in Newport, Rhode Island.

Vici Rogers Dumont was reported deceased, but she's still with us, living in a condo since husband Rollin died.

Thanks to all who ask about the man in my life. Lucas turned 5 in April. He has Granddaddy Tom's conversational skills and delights me with his curiosity and comments.

1960

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Can you believe it? As you read this, our 55th reunion is only about six months away! We're looking forward to *everyone* joining us on the Mary Washington campus May 29-31, 2015. Put it on the calendar now! If you're traveling to visit children and grandchildren, cruising the seas, or flying to exotic foreign ports, surely you can manage a laughter-filled trip back to Fredericksburg. Please promise to join us.

Joyce Neil Krost flew to Madrid in April to visit her sister. They went to the Cezanne exhibit and visited family and friends in Pamplona, where Joyce often sets up a studio for her painting, and luxuriated in the Mediterranean atmosphere.

Liz Hill Heaney and Bob went back to Snowshoe, West Virginia,

last winter for a ski vacation with their daughter and grandson, who's on the Lafayette College ski team. They enjoyed new snow and skiing, while Liz enjoyed the spa.

Margie Saunders Howell had a hip replacement in July 2013 that went from bad to horrible. After three surgeries and two months of meds and convalescence following an infection, it was discovered that further surgery would be more complicated. Margie decided to forgo a fourth surgery and live with the temporary system for now. She's learned to walk again and can drive. She didn't let all this interfere with the annual gathering of nursing majors. In April, Margie, **Barbara Broome Bell, Elinor "Lulu" Omasta Clark, Marilyn "Mel" Petit Freidag, Margaret "Meg" Reed McPherson, Faye Pierce**

Joyce Neil Krost '60 went to the Cézanne exhibit in Madrid and saw family and friends while visiting her sister in Spain.

Sims, Beverly Lindauer Sullivan, and Carol Dixon Yonan had their annual reunion week at the Outer Banks. Margie is in touch with **Joyce Moore Becker** of Fairfax, Virginia, and **Mary Anne Beeler Niksch** of McLean, who, along with **Kinsey Green**, were her suitemates junior year.

Nancy Rorabaugh transferred to Richmond Professional Institute, now VCU, to study graphic design. She married a fellow art student, moved to North Carolina, had two girls, and got a master's of fine arts degree at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She divorced and ended up in Atlanta, where she's been since '76. She retired in December 2013 after a 30-year career in advertising and a 19-year stint as a graphic design instructor at a private Atlanta college. Now she spends time on meditation, exercise, and fine art work. Nancy was a figure painter in grad school, and she and her youngest granddaughter, a 16-year-old artist, take figure-drawing sessions together.

While prowling through her box of Mary Washington mementos, Karen found an envelope addressed "to my Peanut from your Shell, Nancy Rorabaugh." It was a freshman get-acquainted gimmick, where we picked the name of a classmate to send notes and gifts to, and later got to meet them. Karen and Nancy didn't remember anything else about it. Do any of you?

We sent wishes for a speedy recovery to **Bonnie Davis Hall** after knee surgery. She was determined to press through rehab and make an extensive trip overseas last summer.

In our monthly news flash, we shared a photo **Bayla Goldberg Manis** sent of her family, including two granddaughters.

Terry Eagles Dow's husband, Albert, passed away in late April from complications of a fall and

hip surgery. His seven sons came from both coasts for the memorial service. Terry was doing well with the support of a sisterhood of widows. We also sent condolences to **Iris Newton**, whose daughter, Vena, lost her husband, Russell, after a long illness.

Nancy Engle Burkhardt and Brad visited their daughter and granddaughter in Texas. The kids have a shared airstrip behind their backyard, and they were excited to see their son-in-law take off with his son from there. To celebrate their grandson's graduation, the family gathered at their Crystal Lake cottage, where they tubed, biked, boated, and kayaked.

Gaye Roberts Olson gets out in her motorized chair in the neighborhood, to go out to eat and run errands.

Cyd Day Getchell sent pictures of working her dog for competition and skill in agility and odor recognition training. Cyd fell last winter, slipping on the ice and landing in the gutter. She threw her arms up to protect her head and injured her shoulder. Cyd's son moved to New Hampshire near his sister, and they both now live an hour from Cyd.

Barbara Wageneck Gardner welcomed a great-granddaughter last year. She arrived on the birthday of her grandmother, Barbara's daughter. Her youngest grandchild graduated from high school in the honors program and is studying chemical engineering on a full scholarship at the University

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of Texas. All of Barbara's granddaughters have gone to college, which is nice because Barbara completed only two years at Mary Washington.

Sandy Poole underwent a successful seven-hour surgery in March to remove what proved to be benign growths in and around her skull. The surgeons were amazed at how quickly she recovered.

Jan Latven Allnutt sent a picture from a June visit to Maine. A year ago, **Susan Cramer Drouin** rented a house there, giving her Mary Washington friends

lived in one house long enough to worry about it. I've had a busy year with the usual assortment of illnesses and hospital visits, family visits, and crashed computers. I use a backup service, so my files could be restored. We had two high school graduations in June, and my children and their families came here for a short August reunion. It was the first time since 2008 that all 14 were together in the same place.

If you were going to say your news is too ordinary to send, you've got nothing on me! These events keep bringing home the passage of time and the evolution of our lives.

The Class of 1960's Susan Cramer Drouin, Betty Bruce Shepard, and Joey Van Tol Goetz saw former President George H.W. Bush skydive in Maine to celebrate his 90th birthday.

plenty of time to make plans to attend. **Betty Bruce Shepard** and **Joey Van Tol Goetz** flew into Boston and headed for Kennebunkport, Maine, with Susan, where they spent three days laughing, reminiscing, and sharing photos. Unbeknownst to them, former President George Bush was celebrating his 90th birthday with a skydive in the same town. While walking beside the beach, they saw the helicopter rising from the Bush property, watched him sail downward in his red, white, and blue parachute, and were interviewed by the local TV station. They hope to get back for his 95th.

In March, **Karen Larsen Nelson**'s son visited from Florida, en route to visit his son, a Marine stationed at Twentynine Palms, California. They'd been to Florida many times, but it had been 20 years since his last trip to Arizona. Karen and her husband traveled with their new 10-year-old rescue cat to the Arizona mountains in May and through the Northwest and British Columbia in their RV in July, stopping at **Jane Denslow McCrohan**'s home outside Seattle.

I (**Jody Close**) am trying to de-clutter. It's the first time I've

We've learned to live in a world much altered from the mid-50s, getting used to new technology, deciphering a new language, "friending" and "unfriending," and seeing young adults who seemed like infants yesterday. I can't take credit for those darling grandchildren who live with strangely familiar 50-year-old parents. I'm impressed at the excellent parents my children turned out to be. As I've read your comments over the years, I'm just as proud of the achievements of all of you. Who knew those circle pins and madras Bermuda shorts and raincoats (not to mention classwork) would produce such admirable, diverse, adventurous, amazing women. Please keep writing and plan to come to Fredericksburg in 2015. We rarely hear from those without email, and we miss you. Please take a moment and send news.

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From Connie: In May, **Kelly Cherry** published a new book of linked stories, *A Kind of Dream*, which covers five generations of an artistic family. She and husband Burke were traveling to Budapest and Vienna, where Kelly was to attend a short-story conference. They planned to visit friends in Madison in November.

Jerri Barden Perkins traveled in June to speak on clinical trials in Boston, where she lunched with trauma surgeon **Susan Briggs '59**, director of the Massachusetts General Hospital International Trauma and Disaster Institute and founder of the International Medical Surgical Response Team, which assisted in NYC on 9/11 and helps in Haiti. Jerri has two yoga classes, a mat class and a chair class for those who are less mobile. Her students range from her 3-year-old granddaughter to age 90.

Joan Gibson Lippold and Jim took their ninth European river cruise in May. They spent Fourth of July week at the Greenbrier watching the PGA golf tournament, and attending Maroon 5 and Jimmy Buffett concerts. Daughter Jan and family built a house on a cliff overlooking the Chesapeake Bay. **Carolyn Crum Pannu** planned to visit **Renee Levinson Laurents** in L.A. in July.

Dee Doran Cairns said **Sylvia Garland Wickwire**'s husband, Robert, died in June. They had lived in Savannah, Georgia, for a long time, and Sylvia had been a caregiver. Our thoughts and prayers go to Sylvia and her family.

Dee's son Rob and family still live in Italy, and in May she traveled to Germany to see her grandchildren play soccer. Nathan finished 11th grade and is a great goalie. Katye finished ninth grade. For

Dee, it brought back memories of going to high school in Heidelberg. The summer before ninth grade, **Connie Booth, Patty Cairns**, and Dee spent two weeks in Girl Scout camp together on the border of Germany and Austria, not knowing they'd be together again at MWC!

Clara Sue Durden Ashley and Clarence celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July with about 130 friends and family from Boston, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas. Three grandchildren and son Dennis played the piano. Clara Sue was facing August back surgery.

In June, Andy and I took our first vacation since my lung transplant in December 2012. We went to our hometown, Wilmington, Delaware, where our grandson attended a farm camp and we caught up with friends and family, including **Barbie Upson Welch** and Chuck. There was a big party to celebrate Andy's 80th birthday! Earlier in June, **Janie Riles** flew up from Fort Lauderdale. She and Jim are back in San Diego but planned to return to Florida in fall. Janie still teaches art and enjoys her two local grandsons.

Thank you all for your contributions to this column!

From Renee: Thanks for writing on short notice. It would have been a shame to leave '61 blank! **Marcia Minton Keech** and Bill visited Northern Virginia in June with all their children and grandchildren. They watched the high school graduation of their oldest granddaughter, Corinne, who won a full art scholarship to VCU. On their way back to Savannah, they spent the night with **Sylvia McJilton Woodcock** and Stuart in Williamsburg.

Debbie Phinney Wylie was in Missouri for her grandson's high school graduation in May. He's an award-winning artist, has an art scholarship to Missouri State, and plans to major in graphic arts. Debbie planned an August trip to Maine to visit her sister at the family cottage on Great East Lake.

Kay Slaughter '61 hoped to feel retired after leaving adjunct teaching at U.Va. and other responsibilities.

Princess Moss: Teachers' Advocate

In 1979, **Princess Moss '83** was just another bright-eyed freshman at then-Mary Washington College who suddenly felt like a small fish in a very big pond. Moss was following in the footsteps of sister **Hazel Moss Putty '73**, one of the first African-Americans to attend the college.

More than 30 years later, Moss made some history of her own when she was elected secretary-treasurer of the National Education Association (NEA).

Although money was tight, Moss' parents always had big plans for their daughters. Their father drove school buses and taxis in Fredericksburg for a living, often driving Mary Washington students to and from campus. "He knew that if he ever had girls, he hoped they would go there," Moss said. His dreams - and hers - came true when she enrolled in the college to study music.

Moss credits Mary Washington with giving her strong leadership and communication skills. "The goals and ideals that Mary Washington tries to instill in its students tremendously helped me in my journey," said Moss, who served on the UMW Board of Visitors from 2007 to 2011. "It was a very important experience, and I believe that guided me and helped me get to where I am."

Moss took an interest in education early on at Mary Washington, thanks in part to the inspiring work of members of the music department, including then-department head James E. Baker, a distinguished professor emeritus of music. She became a student member of the Virginia Education Association (VEA). After graduating from Mary Washington with a degree in music, she landed a teaching position in Louisa County. She received a master's degree in elementary and secondary administration and supervision from the University of Virginia.

Throughout her 21 years of teaching, Moss remained involved in local education associations, becoming an

advocate for the arts in public schools. She served two terms on the NEA's executive committee and two terms as president of the VEA. She also served on the commonwealth's P-16 Education Council. In 2006, UMW honored her with its Distinguished Alumnus Award.

As secretary-treasurer of the NEA, Moss has taken leave from the school district and moved closer to NEA headquarters in Washington, D.C., where she can focus on managing the financial aspects of the organization. She attends meetings and crunches numbers, and she's eager to share her passion for education with the public. "I

don't mind standing tall and proud for our profession, because our profession is noble," Moss said. "Our profession creates all of the other professions, and we don't get credit for that."

"Public education changed my life," she added.

"My parents didn't have a formal education, but they knew the value of a good public education, and I believe it's my responsibility to do what I can to make sure others have the same opportunities."

— *Erica Jackson Curran '07*

"I don't mind standing tall and proud for our profession, because our profession is noble." — Princess Moss



Norm Shafer

Mary Washington is a family affair for Princess Moss '83. Her sister graduated a decade before her, and her nephew graduated nearly three decades after. Above: As a member of the Board of Visitors, Moss was able to award nephew Jonathan Moss Putty '10 his diploma.

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Sandy Phillips Conklin and hubby Dan have lived and worked since 1968 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where they raised two children. They are in good health except for arthritis and stay busy gardening, woodworking, and grandparenting. They've enjoyed the Outer Banks and the New Jersey and Delaware beaches and travel to visit family and deliver Dan to whatever part of the Appalachian Trail he's hiking. They have Bernese mountain dogs and a Tibetan mastiff. Sandy has been sad to lose fellow chemistry majors recently and remembers them and professors Earl Insley and Herbert Cover. She worked briefly as a chemist testing the water around Three Mile Island before they started the plant. Sandy earned her RN and worked in public health and as a high school nurse. She's in touch with **Liz Reddington Neff**, **Mimi Mayer Lewis**, and **Nancy Woolfolk Agee**.

Donna Henninger Henderson said the dairy farm needed rain. Granddaughter Courtenay was accepted to Virginia Tech. Donna was named Virginia Farm Bureau Farm Woman of the Year for the extensive volunteer work she's done since retiring from education 19 years ago. Donna and Jerry celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary in June.

Sandy Phillips Conklin '61 and Dan live with their Bernese mountain dogs and a Tibetan mastiff.

Sylvia McJilton Woodcock and Stuart traveled to Italy in May with two other couples, enjoying wine and gelato. She mentioned the visit by Marcia Keech and Bill, who was doing well after another surgery. Sylvia and Stuart's son, Ed, was married in June in the garden at Keswick Hall outside Charlottesville. Sylvia made the four-tier wedding cake with three flavors and brought it from Williamsburg. Sylvia emails with **Cherry Sarff Everett**. **Mary Hatcher**, free of monthly meetings for the first time in 15 years, has traveled to Jackson, Wyoming; NYC; Williamsburg; and Nova Scotia. She planned

trips to New York for restaurant week and to Rockland, Maine; Alexandria, Virginia; and Newport, Rhode Island. They're thankful Hurricane Arthur did little damage in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Eleanor Knight Jensen and Cliff took a four-month world cruise. They traveled for the first time to Suez and to Israel and planned a November trip to Barcelona and another extended cruise.

I took my first trip since I got sick, visiting Santa Fe, New Mexico. I'm still in the clinical trial for a new breast cancer vaccine designed to prevent recurrence. I don't know if I'm getting the vaccine or a placebo, but I'm getting all kinds of scans and EKGs. The most recent round found that I'm still cancer-free.

Before her May river cruise in Germany, **Betty Alrich Latta** was in the Fredericksburg area with her son for a re-enactment of Civil War battles. Her grandson, who's in college near Washington, D.C., was with them. One battle took place in what used to be Betty's father's cow pasture! The Spotsylvania property was purchased after the war by her ancestor, and that's where Betty grew up. In July, her son, who'd been divorced for a while, got married, and now Betty has four new grandchildren!

Please ask classmates to write me! Any news will be appreciated!

From Lynne: Thanks for all your wonderful responses, especially on short notice. We're in good health and enjoying NYC and Connecticut. We plan a trip next year up the Amazon River. I still play bridge regularly.

Sandy Walters Julifs graduated on her birthday in July from an intensive two year Lutheran spiritual formation/theological education course called *diakonia*. "Thanks to my days at MWC as an English major," Sandy wrote, "I made it through without ... the difficulty some of my classmates had!"

Carolyn Spell Robertson's husband, Jim, had heart problems and trouble walking in February. Physical therapy has been successful and they hope he'll be able to do without a walker. They spent two weeks in June at their North Carolina beach home with family.

Kay Slaughter quit her U.Va. adjunct teaching job and other responsibilities, hoping to feel retired. She planned to visit Italy in fall with friends, stay at a friend's villa in Tuscany, and travel to Elba, Firenze, and Rome.

Regina Young Hall has been married 53 years to a man she met at U.Va. They have two sons and four grandchildren. She worked for 17 years as an office administrator for her husband, a breast cancer detection specialist. She researched equipment, hired personnel, and created procedure manuals. A successful practice for 25 years, it was taken over by a local hospital. Regina retired in 2000 to spend time with grandchildren, sail, and enjoy their Orcas Island home. They cruised and sailed for 25 years

Emily Lewis '62 and husband Tony Andres traveled to Venice to mark Tony's 50th year of ordination as an Episcopal priest.

Kay said **Suzanne Stafford**, who attended MWC for two years and transferred to UNC-Chapel Hill with her, died in May of ovarian cancer in Bethesda, Maryland, where she'd lived for two years. Her brother, Ted, niece Kristen, and a chaplain were with her as she passed. Her sister-in-law, Suzanne, and nephew Erik were very attentive to her throughout her illness. After graduating from UNC in 1961, Suzanne lived 51 years in San Francisco. She worked 25 years for Crown Zellerbach and then for other organizations. Suzanne and Kay became close at Carolina, where they joined the same sorority and roomed together senior year. Many of their sorority sisters have stayed in touch and gathered throughout the U.S. One of their friends said Suzanne was the sunshine of their group. She had an optimistic, adventurous spirit and a zany sense of humor. Kay visited her regularly in Bethesda. Renee Levinson Laurens, a former high school classmate, said on Suzanne's online memorial page that she remembered singing in a quartet with her and that she was an original.

Lynne Wilson Rupert is adjusting to life without Jim. She travels with her grandchildren and this year took her grandsons to Orlando and Cape Kennedy, granddaughter Madeline to NYC, and granddaughter Claire on a driving tour of small towns in New England.

in the San Juan Islands and Desolation Sound. Now they golf, hike, and play bridge. Regina has been involved in prayer ministry. She and Mac have sent two of their grandchildren to Christian school. Their oldest grandson, a Seattle Pacific University student, was worship leader this summer at a camp in Yelm, Washington. Granddaughter Shelby, a senior at a Christian high school, makes straight A's and is on the golf and basketball teams. Granddaughter Lauren would be a junior in high school but is attending a community college her last two years. Grandson Blake plays baseball and is an excellent offensive player and pitcher.

Pat Scott Peck flew from her summer cottage in Maine to San Antonio, where she's buying a townhome. She planned to fly back to Maine, then drive to D.C. to oversee her rental property and meet son Brian. He was to drive with her back to Miami to put her home of 46 years up for sale. Daughter Stacey and her husband moved from Miami to the Portsmouth, Virginia, area, and Brian planned to move to Arizona in September. Pat looks forward to reconnecting with **Aggie Welsh Eyster**. They had dinner and attended a concert together while Pat was in San Antonio. Aggie's MWC roomie, **Vicky Biggers Hinshaw**, also visited her while in San Antonio for a writers' conference.

I frequently see my goddaughter, Bonnie Cummings, **Jill Cusack** Clay's daughter. Through Bonnie, I keep up with Jill, who lives in San Antonio and also is in touch with Aggie.

Polly Updegraff Champ's youngest grandchild planned to attend Pace University in NYC in September. Sadly, she lost her friend and tennis partner, Joan, unexpectedly. Though her seven-year presidency ended in April, Polly plans to remain active with the Women's Fellowship. She dressed an ensemble for Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* in May and for *Ghost, the Musical*, in June. The fall schedule for the Broadway Series at the Bushnell in Hartford, Connecticut, includes *Evita* and *Camelot*, and Polly will return to Florida in November.

I think **Sue Wilson Sproul** should publish a travel book! She and Dave have become snowbirds, heading from Colorado to Tucson in winter. They rent a small casita there and take their border collie. They were in Virginia in June for a reunion. Sue planned a September trip to Santa Fe while Dave was to attend a Native American flute conference.

Lloyd Tilton Backstrom and Art enjoy visits from **Pat Scott Peck** on her travels between Miami and Calais, Maine. The Backstroms traveled to Dubrovnik in fall 2013. Dick Burroughs, **Annie Hopkins'** widower, joined them again for the neighborhood Independence Day celebration.

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From Joan: Lucy Ritter Todd attended a reception with President Hurley in Texas. **Carlisle Allen Pearson** then organized an Austin alum group attended by Lucy, Carlisle, **Beth Williams** '63, and **Jan Goebel**. They compared the old and

new Mary Washington with old geezers and some smart, attractive '90s graduates. **Cassandra Scholte** '92, who lived across the hall from **Joan Akers Rothgeb**'s daughter, **Shannon Rothgeb Powell** '92, was also there. Cassandra serves on the Texas Commission on the Arts. Lucy and husband Frank planned to spend six weeks this summer in Colorado and Wyoming. She still does sketching and figure drawing and volunteers in her town, Bastrop, Texas. The Todds visited San José del Cabo in February.

Julia Shumaker Bailess attended the inauguration of the president of the University of Virginia's College at Wise. When Julia visits

Reba Calvert Bayliss, Betsy Williams Brothers, Marsha Arlott Wooster, Lynda Puckett Howell, and Liz Kennedy

Thomas Slate spent 10 days in April and May together, visiting Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, Washington National Cathedral, and other sites. Marsha left for New York ahead of the others, and they joined her for a surprise 50th wedding anniversary celebration for her and Jimmy, hosted by their three sons. In New York, the group saw *Cinderella* on Broadway, the 9/11 Memorial, and more.

Barbara Schwab Jesser and husband Bill visited Brazil and

Nancy Maynard '63 has worked in research and science policy involving the Atlantic Ocean, the Everglades, oil spill response, and climate change, among other areas.

her property in Emerald Isle, North Carolina, she sees **Ann Tench Huml**, who lives there. Ann fell down a flight of steps, resulting in bruising and a broken bone, and was recovering from the surgery that followed.

Emily Lewis and husband Tony Andres traveled to Venice to mark Tony's 50th year of ordination as an Episcopal priest.

When **Diana Copple Smith** visited her Richmond family, including her father who's almost 100, she saw **Mary Chambers Hodnett Minozzi**. Mary lost her husband in November 2013. Diana also saw Julia Shumaker Bailess when she passed through Winston-Salem en route to Emerald Isle. Diana hears **Barbara Kline** broadcasting on public radio out of D.C. Diana still teaches English as a second language at Forsyth Technical Community College and works occasionally at Guilford Tech. Her daughter and her husband, along with Diana's 5-year-old grandson, live in Wilmington, North Carolina. Kathleen also discovered that **Carolyn Curtis Briggs** and her husband live in the Roanoke Island area and retired on the family farm. Carolyn is busy with her 90-year-old mother, has two children and grandchildren, and earned a master of library science degree at UNC Chapel Hill. Carolyn said her roommate **Marian Adams Spain** died of breast cancer. Our deepest sympathy goes to her husband, Carl Spain, and their family.

Sue Grandy Farrar, director of the Montgomery Museum, was a major part of this winter's Crooked Road Festival in Blacksburg, Virginia.

recovering from arthritis-related knee and hip surgery. Nancy lives alone. One daughter lives in San Diego, and her married daughter lives in Pennsylvania.

It seems our 50th reunion has reconnected us. Please send news, addresses, and phone numbers! Blessings to all!

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From Linkey: Arlene Drescher Wilson and Julie Burch Southall reconnected after 50 years!

They were freshmen together in Virginia, then roomies in U.Va.'s Mary Munford Hall. Julie's son lives in Nashville, too, so they'll see more of each other. After 25 years in textiles, Arlene is painting and, as an urban land scout, helps maintain green spaces in Nashville. She recently held an art sale to benefit Walden's Puddle wildlife refuge in Tennessee. Arlene is in centering prayer groups and welcomed granddaughter Eva, compliments of son Henry, a plastic surgeon in Lynchburg, Virginia, and wife Caroline, a Ph.D. in education administration who's now a stay-at-home mom.

In response to Betsy's question about a favorite professor, Arlene chose James Croushore, with whom she had English freshman and sophomore years. She said he gave her a lasting love of literature.

Nancy Maynard was disappointed to miss the reunion. After graduation, she earned a master's degree in zoology and Ph.D. in marine biology at the University

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of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science (RSMAS). Her career alternated between scientific research and science policy/administration, including work involving the Atlantic Ocean, the Everglades watershed, and oil spill response. She's been a science policy analyst for the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and done NASA satellite remote sensing of the ice edge and Arctic tundra, among other things. In 2012, Nancy changed her NASA status to emeritus, officially

Retired teacher Anne Rasmussen Lyles '63 has restored nine old homes in recent years.

retired, and returned to Miami to a visiting scientist position at RSMAS, near her daughter and new grandson. The last few years she's worked on climate change assessments in the U.S. and internationally.

Janice Coleman taught for 44 years in Manhattan, but the increasingly overcrowded sidewalks and cost of big-city living prompted a move. She rented a Fredericksburg apartment and was looking forward to being a Virginia resident and seeing Mary Washington friends at campus events.

I saw a Facebook post by **Patsy Ballou Hindman** about a visit from her daughters and grandchildren. **Betsy Chamberlain Hartz** visited with Patsy and freshman roommate **Jean Duncan** in Charleston in May 2013.

In response to Betsy's question about her favorite professor, **Linda Gulnac Steelman** said she couldn't remember names but loved a senior year art course with an energetic new teacher who inspired her to understand Impressionist art and seek out paintings on trips to Europe. Linda spent much time senior year learning how to throw clay and working at the potter's wheel. She also remembers an energetic blond professor who introduced her to children's literature

sophomore year. Linda used the textbook for years when teaching elementary school. Older son Rob, in New York banking, wrote a children's book called *The Duck and the Bear: Learn Good Manners*, illustrated by a fellow Swarthmore graduate.

Anne Rasmussen Lyles retired from a 32-year teaching career but still subs. She's involved with historic preservation of old homes in Salisbury, North Carolina, serves on the board of the Historic Salisbury Foundation (HSF), and has restored nine houses in recent years with her two sons. This past fall, Anne's house was on HSF's October tour of homes, with 900 people trudging through her house in two days! While attending

her 55th high school reunion in Richmond this spring, Anne visited **Sally Tarrant Bernert** and **Nancy Lee Leidy**. Betsy Hartz had to work and couldn't join them. While in Wilmington, Delaware, Anne visited Nemours, home of Alfred I. duPont, who married Jessie Ball duPont, for whom MWC's duPont Hall is named. She enjoys AAUW (Dean Hargrove would be proud) and is on the board of the local library friends organization. She and David bought a camping trailer and planned to visit Yellowstone and Mount Rushmore. There are only 12 states Anne hasn't visited. She said her favorite professor will always be William Castle, who was our class sponsor. They kept in touch until he died.

We're now members of the 1908 Society, which means we can go to a reunion any year. Let us know if you want to go, and we'll spread the word. I made a photo book of the reunion for **Kathy Friedman Levinson**, who had surgery and couldn't come to our 50th. You can add pictures to our Shutterfly group site. Anytime you get the urge, send news to Betsy or me.

From Betsy: Nancy Slonim Aronie sent a link to a keynote talk she gave at the Women on Fire Conference. She was funny, insightful, encouraging, and fabulous!

Nancy Pida Remmers majored in math but enjoyed education classes and earned a Virginia teaching certificate. She stayed home with her three children for 15 years, then went to work to put money in the college coffers. With the help of the Women's Center in Vienna, Virginia, she translated her activities into a meaningful résumé and became a courseware designer/developer. During her interview, she drew from her classes, particularly geometry. She spent the next 30 years in the field of training, working on contracts involving military and government clients.

Martha Van Zandt Fickett, UMW professor of music, traveled to Vienna. She lives near College Avenue and can walk to work. They've spent the past 14 summers in Maine. Her husband is a retired UMW political science professor, and their son is a lawyer in Richmond.

Carol Van Ness Clapp and **Karen Vandevanter Morrison** met near the Sagamore Bridge in June and spent time together! Carol was in Cape Cod for summer and hoped to visit **Ginger Logie Carr** before returning to Florida in fall.

Pete and I still enjoy life on Bainbridge Island, near Seattle. I take a class called Creative Crones, which explores creativity, and began painting this year. I also offer summer workshops on Bainbridge in character education and personal growth and have facilitated for The Virtues Project for years, recently offering webinars with a colleague in Manitoba. I loved most of my English professors at Mary Washington. Dr. Early for poetry and Shakespeare was entertaining, standing on his tiptoes and speaking with enthusiasm! Mr. Mitchell's seminars were thought-provoking, and Dr. Croushore challenged us in American literature.

Thanks to everyone who has written such wonderful news.

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Everyone seemed to have a great time at our 50th reunion! The weather was beautiful, and the house and grounds at Brompton for the cocktail party were gorgeous. I'd forgotten the huge trees that must be at least 200 years old. It would be impossible to say here who was there and who wasn't. Please understand that, although UMW will now send requests for news, you should send your news to the class agent (*mai*)!

I flew to Richmond from New York on a small plane filled with businessmen and only two women. The other woman turned out to be going to her 55th UMW reunion. It was **Irene Piscopo Rodgers** '59, sister of **Rita Piscopo**. The cabin staff was apparently charmed by this coincidence and gave us lots of goodies and free wine. I stayed in Richmond with **Sally Crenshaw Witt** and husband Sam, who were great hosts and took me all over Richmond.

It was a delight to catch up with people like **Sharon Haythorne Stack**, whose sense of humor is as lively as ever, and **Ilona Dulaski Williams**, who still sings and does theater work. **Susan Orebaugh Nicholson**, **Karen Murrell Foreman**, and **Bronwyn Jones Polk** came together. Bonnie hadn't been back to UMW since graduation and loved the tours, especially of the new Information and Technology Convergence Center. She was proud to see Rick Hurley and to feel that the campus was moving well into the 21st century. Bonnie and husband of 46 years Bob have two grown children and four grandchildren.

Martha Hanks Cooper said William Crawley, professor emeritus of history, was the main speaker at the class dinner and asked who our graduation

Janet Bagg Glancy '64 spent the summer in the village of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, where she studied art, silversmithing, and Spanish.

speaker was. Turns out we didn't have one! We apparently voted not to. "No time wasted on speakers" was our thought, I guess. The most popular song of the era was the Beatles' *I Want to Hold Your Hand*. The most popular dance was the Twist, and a lot of classmates got up and did it. There will be no more individual class reunions. We're now part of the 1908 Society and can attend any reunion we wish.

Martha said **Connie Marsh Pollard** couldn't make the reunion as she and her husband were visiting Budapest, cruising in the Danube, and headed for a tour of Prague. **Kristina Totman Ells** and husband Theodore have three children and six grandchildren.

Janet Bagg Glancy couldn't attend as she spent the summer in the village of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, where she studied art, silversmithing, and Spanish. She and husband Don brought their youngest son there to study Spanish 14 years ago. Janet still is coordinator of advanced programs for the Cambridge International Examinations program but might retire next year to focus on family, grandchildren, and travel.

Betsy Churchman Geary couldn't attend as she and husband Ray were traveling in Europe, fulfilling their goal "to cover the earth before it covers us." They celebrated their 50th anniversary in December with family on a Caribbean cruise.

Lou Davis Smith, Sharon Belknap Brown, and Jeanne Fornes Wendt enjoyed the reunion. Lou and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June, cruising to Bermuda with family. Their

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6-year-old granddaughter won a medal for rock-wall climbing.

Be Davison Herrera still sculpts in copper, fibers, woods, and labyrinth design. In February, her poetry press, *Lily of the Field*, released a poetry biography of Pat Clark. Be also worked to coordinate the 11th Phenomenal Woman series in California and Oregon to celebrate Women's History Month. She leads poetry workshops for the local ARC program for challenged adults and serves on a labyrinth team with workshops for 12- to 24-year-old female prisoners. Her studio and commissioned works were scheduled to be exhibited this year, and she plans to keep writing biographies and poetry. Be lost her husband of 42 years in 2010.

Ruth Hill Simmons' husband, Baxter, died in December 2013. Our deepest sympathy goes to her and her family. Ruth retired but stays busy on various boards and with local activities, including the Virginia Store, which she and several friends started in 1992.

Our sympathy goes to **Jackie Williams Towler**, whose husband, Horace, died this year. A retired Army colonel who served in Korea and Vietnam, he was buried with full honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

It's great to hear from so many of you. Keep in touch! Have a wonderful holiday season!

1965

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Please send me your email addresses if you aren't regularly receiving information from me. Our 50th reunion is next year, so we really need to communicate effectively!

I visited my daughter and her family in California in June. She returned to Atlanta with her two sons, ages 3 and 1, and me. Her husband joined us later to work with a local builder on their dream home. I hope they'll

Bobby Barrett Crisp '65 and her husband visited their daughter and her family in Naples, Italy.

relocate to Atlanta within the next year. Also in June, I visited my son and his family in Germany.

Bobby Barrett Crisp and husband Harry visited Bremen, Germany, with friends and went to Naples, Italy, to visit daughter Teresa Spatt, a high school teacher, and family. They traveled for all of May, seeing lots of countries.

Nancy Coates Wilson and husband Don visited Spain, Portugal, and Madeira in spring and met with their dinner group, including **Nancy Buchanan Perry '70** and **Martha Jones Burke '64**. The Wilsons, married 50 years in August, were planning their annual New Year's Eve get-together.

Margaret "Meg" Cobourn John, Lisa Corder Wharton, and Barbara Hagemann Hester planned a mini-reunion, visiting **Donna Lingo Rauch** and hubby Eric in Girdletree, Maryland. Eric is battling pancreatic cancer, so

Lee Enos Kelley '66 saw *Heritage Hunt Little Theater's Senior Follies* and said lead performer **Joan Cuccias Patton '66** has discovered a natural talent as a comedic actress.

they brought in lunch and reminisced about Mary Washington and one of Donna and Eric's first dates on campus.

Alice Funkhouser Flowers still works at Richmond's St. Christopher's School and spent spring taking pictures for graduation and preparing her next publication. **Jan Yates Berls** lives near her grandchildren and volunteers at their school. She and Dick spent several months at a Florida golfing community last winter and planned to go again this year. While Jan and Dick were hiking in the rainforest in Puerto Rico last year, they saw a group of young women wearing

UMW lacrosse jerseys coming from the opposite direction!

Penelope Partridge Booth cruised from Prague to Paris, sailing on the Moselle, Main, and Rhine rivers. They had guided tours of Heidelberg, Luxembourg, and Wurzburg, where Penelope's daughter lived for three years while working for Procter & Gamble.

Agnes "Missy" Bush Shives traveled to Germany in May. She and **Ophelia "Ophie" Baker Crowley** planned to visit **Sonja "Toni" Algren Schuyler** in Jericho, Vermont, in July and spend a day together in Montreal.

1966

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Barbara Bishop Mann organized a June gathering of the MWC Lunch Bunch at Fredericksburg's La Petite Auberge. Bobbi was joined by **Sheila Denny Young, Pam Hughes Ward, Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner, Carolyn Eldred, Christine Brooks Young, Joan Cuccias Patton, Charnell Williams Blair, Anne Meade Clagett, Pat**

Lewars Pace, Dianne Twiggs Woodworth, and Pam Kearney Patrick. Chris and Charnell drove from Suffolk, Virginia, to surprise Bobbi. **Jana Privette Usry** planned to attend but was detained in a mediation case that morning. Sheila spoke of her involvement with UMW's alumni chapter in Fredericksburg and visits with her daughter in Colorado. **Carolyn Eldred** was considering escaping Northern Virginia and D.C. and moving to a Fredericksburg-area retirement community. Bobbi and Robert had just taken a trip to Iceland to celebrate Bobbi's birthday. Pat and **Linda Glynn Hutchinson** planned to travel with friends to Romania, Croatia, Slovenia, Italy,



and Bosnia in fall. Linda wants to organize local retreats with classmates at places like Massanutten, Virginia, where she, Pat, and Joan have enjoyed tours, classes, and outdoor activities.

Cathe Cantwell Luria's plane to D.C. for a conference was delayed and she missed the lunch. Cathe recently started the first Washington state domestic chapter of RESULTS.org, an international organization that fights poverty. Her husband has been involved for years. Cathe visited the National Museum of the American Indian in D.C. Bobbi said **Mary Lynn Murray**

Jill Robinson Burkert '68 is still in Alaska flying to native villages to help new teachers and is writing a book about remote teaching.

Applegate contacted her in hopes of connecting with Joan Cuccias Patton but missed the meeting. They hope to connect after summer travels. **Tyla Matteson**, political chair of the Sierra Club Virginia chapter, couldn't attend. She recently received the first individual Political Service Award from the Sierra Club national political team for her dedicated and exceptional service.

Pam Kearney Patrick and husband TaB, now fully retired, resumed ballroom dancing and planned a European river cruise from Amsterdam to Vienna next year. Pam joined the Potomac Valley Watercolorists and received an honorable mention in their Green Spring Gardens Show. She sent a poster from **Carol Bingley Wiley** – with a copy of her watercolor painting of a woman in orange against a red and yellow background – announcing the June opening of the Carol Wiley Studio in Jefferson, Maine. In July, Carol was one of 40 artists juried to participate in the 2014 Castine Plein Air Festival.

Sally Souder spent time in Orlando, Florida, with **Gerry Sargent Habas**. They ate in Winter Park and took a boat tour through the chain of lakes. Sally sang at Gerry and Len's wedding but hadn't seen Len for a while. Their new home is in Baldwin

Park, a planned community built on the site of the old Orlando Naval training base.

Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner and husband Charlie have resolved never to spend another March in Northern Virginia and extend their winter stay in Naples, Fla. She'll miss waitressing at the annual March needlework exhibition sponsored by Nellie's Needlers at Woodlawn Plantation but feels golfing might be more enjoyable. After reminiscing about living in Willard, Mary Kathryn sent an item from UMW's website stating that all Willard Hall rooms are now

Del Mar, seeing her brother in Laguna Woods, and attending a family reunion in Newport Beach. Joan planned a fall trip to Australia and New Zealand.

Sandra Hutchison Schanne visited son Brandon and the three grandchildren she sees least often in Houston. She took a children's cookbook to make a recipe with each child. The whole family went to the Houston Museum of Natural Science to view the original 1217 Magna Carta document, on loan from England. Three of Sandy's grandchildren live near home, and Sandy frequently travels to Denver to visit her daughter's family.

Ginny Bateman Brinkley emailed a picture taken during her biennial Maui adventure in March with **Ryan Stewart Davis** and their spouses, kids, and grandkids. They finally introduced their "baby boys," Ryan's son, Colin, 40, and Ginny's son, Brett, 42, who both are comedians.

Elaine Gerlach McKelly and Tim shared a house with 32 family members during their annual family beach vacation in Ocean City, New Jersey. Most of the grandkids are teenagers now. Tim and Elaine spent a week in Switzerland last September, followed by a weeklong river cruise from Basel to Amsterdam. After their annual February warm-up spell in Key West, they went to Cuba in March with the People to People exchange program. Two of Elaine's grandchildren are driving, and they're all active in soccer, lacrosse, martial arts, dance, and cheerleading.

Kathy Goddard Moss and husband Tom took their annual summer trip to Spain to visit their daughter and her family. They celebrated their 9-year-old grandson's first communion and visited the mountains and beaches of Asturias on the northwestern coast. Kathy and Tom also drove 10 hours to Ohio for a reunion with another grandson and dozens of cousins.

Robbie James East is settled in her new home in Southport, North Carolina. She traveled in May to Charleston and Savannah

on the way to Florida to visit her younger daughter, a speech pathologist for Orange County Public Schools. Robbie marked off another item on her "bucket list" by visiting Asheville and Nashville, touring Biltmore Estate and the Grand Ole Opry, and taking a river cruise to absorb more American history. Robbie's mother passed away in February, one month shy of her 101st birthday. She'd always been active, attending church and entertaining friends and family, until she suffered a fall followed by a stroke.

Kathleen Crawford Hoffman's mother, Elinor Ross Crawford, died in June at 96. Sincere condolences to Kathleen and Robbie from us all.

Sandra Hutchison Schanne and I drove to Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, in July for an upbeat memorial service for **Linda Spangler Berkheimer**, who had suffered an aortic aneurism. We were joined by **Eileen Goddard Albrigo**, **Ann Kales Lindblom**, Sheila Denny Young, Charlie and Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner, and Ron and **Mary Parsons Black**. The service, held in Coffman Chapel, was packed. A eulogy speaker, Mary Parsons recalled savory MWC moments, shared experiences, and examples of Spang's uniqueness. Mary Kathryn compiled a booklet of our classmates' spontaneous email comments and presented it to Betsy, Spang's daughter. Spang's sudden passing was a shock to everyone; she will be missed by thousands.

1967

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Nancy McDonald Legat and husband Dan expect their second great-grandchild, a girl, around Christmas. Their family already consists of three daughters and three sons-in-law, seven grandchildren, and great-grandchild Carter. Nancy and Dan enjoy travel, walking, old movies, and family time.

1968

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I was excited to receive news from two classmates who had never been featured in Class Notes until now. I hope this inspires others to send updates. **Suzanne Perri Elliott** (whose sister, **Roselynne Perri Cody**, also graduated with us) worked as a special education teacher and middle school counselor. She retired in 2008 after recovering from breast cancer. Husband Michael was retiring after 34 years in an anesthesiology practice at St. Mary's Medical Center in Knoxville, Tennessee. Their children, Daniel and Lisa, both married, recently moved closer to them, along with Suzanne's first grandchild, Skylar Nathalia Blake. Suzanne was prompted to write after a visit from Michael's niece, **Sabrina Elliott '17**, a UMW sophomore. **Ellen Adkinson Reddingius** lives on the central California coast. Her husband passed away two years ago. She recently visited friends on the East Coast. Ellen plays canasta and speaks French with a group of local Francophiles. She said her senior year roommate, **Lynn Middaugh Cowen**, sold her Ohio home and planned to move to Charlottesville.

Sally Monroe Kelly finally introduced husband Pete to Mary Washington. After years of involvement in his alma mater, they decided it was time to give back to Mary Washington. Pete was so impressed with the campus and people that they've volunteered to be part of the committee for the Mary Washington First Campaign. Sally said it feels good to make UMW a part of their estate planning and urges all the queens of '68 to consider donating to "this beautiful place that helped make us who we are today."

Pam Tompkins Huggins regrets missing the 45th reunion. After 30 years practicing medicine, her otherwise healthy hubby, Jim, decided to do an undercover analysis of their hospital's patient care – as a patient. He fully retired last September and they're

enjoying their growing family. All three girls are married to young men they adore. The oldest, Sally, lives in Reston, Virginia, and has two girls, ages 13 and 16. KT lives in San Francisco, has a 2-year-old son, and expected her second child in September. The youngest, Jamie, lives in Cary, North Carolina, and expects her first baby in January. Pam is trying to cut back on long-term volunteer obligations to enjoy Jim's retirement. She looks forward to our 50th reunion and said, "I understand that Sally Monroe Kelly tried to exploit my absence and reclaim her crown, but we all know who the *real* queen is!"

Jill Robinson Burkert, still in Alaska flying to native villages to help new teachers, was beginning a book of case studies and stories about remote teaching.

Susan Blosser Wight and her husband travel a lot. She still skis, golfs, and plays bridge. She's on the board of the Garden Club of Virginia. The Wights took a recent trip down the Middle Fork of Idaho's Salmon River, fly fishing and whitewater rafting.

Donna Sheehan Gladis and husband Steve live in Fairfax. Donna spent much of the year clearing out and selling her mom's home, which was emotional as her family roots in Arlington, Virginia, date to 1910. Her mother, **Barbara Skidmore Sheehan '35**, who turns 99 this year, lives in a retirement home. Donna spends time with her two grandsons and expected a third granddaughter in November. A current member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, Donna encourages us to stay involved with Mary Washington and spend time on the beautiful campus. There are many new buildings, and it's exciting to see all the changes, especially the new campus center taking shape on Ball Circle.

Mary Monroe was sorry to miss our 45th reunion, but she and Richard had already planned her first trip to Europe. She connected with a third cousin through the Internet before they left the U.S., so they were treated to a personalized tour of her ancestors' old stomping grounds. They traveled to Scotland in June to continue

research on Richard's side of the family and arrange a meeting with the international chief of Clan Munro at the family castle. The Monroes retired to Blacksburg, Virginia, in 2006.

In May, Ash and I attended the wedding of my goddaughter, Erika Lotterhos, daughter of **Janice Bryant Lotterhos** (my freshman/sophomore roommate) in Orlando. It was fun reconnecting with **Marilyn Wheeler Hiatt**, **Betty Haskins McClaskey**, and **Lynn "Lacey" Pierce Brown '69**. I took a girls' trip to Paris with my 16-year-old granddaughter, Madison, my daughter, Anne, and Madison's other grandmother, fulfilling a promise I made to Maddy when she was little. My beautiful mom passed away in June. We attended her memorial service in Texas and spent two weeks with my sisters and our families.

1969

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We had a fabulous time at our 45th reunion in May, with 82 classmates, the largest number of returning alumni from any class. We missed those who couldn't make it.

We enjoyed a Friday evening reception at Brompton hosted by President Hurley and his lovely wife, Rose. This was followed by a dinner for our class hosted by William and **Theresa "Terrie" Young Crawley '77** at their home. Terrie made all the food herself, and the Crawleys donated the proceeds from the dinner back to UMW. Many attended Saturday classes,

and our class won the prize for the best decorated tent at the picnic. The reunion tent committee, headed by **Iris Harrell**, did a great job! Our theme was "The Way We Were." We had memorabilia from our time at Mary Washington, including the ever-popular beanies we wore when we first arrived in 1965. All the decorations were a blast from the past. We enjoyed a buffet and

a band at the all-class party at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center. Many of us danced the night away, including President Hurley and Rose! Our class won the award for the largest percentage of alumni giving, at 44 percent. We contributed more than \$900,000 to UMW, placing third overall. Once again our class won the two highest alumni awards. **Patti Boise Kemp** most deservedly was presented the Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36 Service Award for her lifetime of service to UMW. The Distinguished Alumnus Award for an alum who's made significant achievements and contributions to her profession and community went to **Iris Harrell**, who personifies this with her successful company, Harrell Remodeling. She recently retired as chair, and the company is now entirely employee-owned. The Class of '69 is so proud of Patti and Iris. The reunion ended with the Sunday farewell brunch. There were many sad goodbyes, but we all agreed it was the best reunion yet. I encourage you to go to our Class of 1969 Facebook page to see the pictures. Our 50th reunion in 2019 will be here before we know it!

In addition to the Mary Washington reunion, **Betty Wade Miles Perry** attended family reunions in Norfolk, Virginia, and Hilton Head, South Carolina. She traveled to the LPGA U.S. Open golf tournament in Pinehurst, North Carolina, and planned her annual family trip to the Outer Banks in July.

Cheryl Ulmer retired as a study director at the Institute of Medicine, National Academy

Cheryl Ulmer '69 joined senior year roommate **Judith Farrell Bechtold '69** on a trip to the Galapagos Islands, hiking, kayaking, and snorkeling.

of Sciences, in December 2013. In January, she joined senior year roommate **Judith Farrell Bechtold** of California on a trip to the Galapagos Islands, hiking, kayaking, and snorkeling. At our

Study Abroad Sparked Love

On a blue-sky August morning, Flora Chung Takoshima and **Akiyuki Takoshima '05** maneuvered two little girls and a paraphernalia-laden stroller along Campus Walk.

Yua, 11 months old, gurgled and grinned in her parents' arms. Four-year-old Yuki romped on the green grass and took in every sight – espe-

cially the Palmieri Plaza fountain. decided to pursue a second bachelor's degree in the United States. He chose Mary Washington for its low student-teacher ratio and beautiful campus. Many of his credits transferred, so he could complete a bachelor's degree in

that attraction fluttered.

On a class trip to Washington, Flora tripped while taking a picture. Aki caught her before she could fall. It was then, Flora said, that she felt "doki doki" – a Japanese expression for a pounding heart.

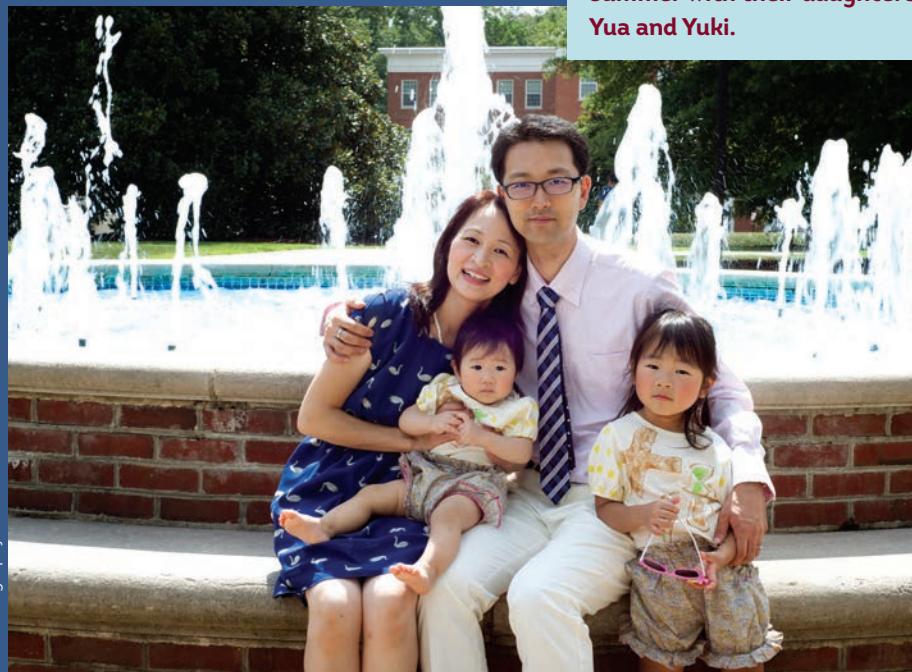
Back home in Hong Kong and Sapporo, Flora and Aki kept in touch by email and video chats in their common language of English. Flora's father wasn't happy about the budding romance. "He just didn't want me to date a Japanese guy," she recalled.

Over her father's objections, she visited Aki in Japan. And that, Aki recalled, was when he realized he had found the right person. "I was comfortable with her, and I could be myself," he said. "I wanted to be with her all the time."

The courtship spanned several years, during which Flora learned Japanese and Aki picked up a working knowledge of Cantonese. And in 2009 they married, with ceremonies in Sapporo and Hong Kong. Flora's father attended her Chinese wedding.

The day on campus made an impression on little Yuki, Flora said. "I want to study here too," Yuki told her mom. "I can come back by myself!"

– *Laura Moyer*



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cially the Palmieri Plaza fountain.

The Takoshimas had traveled from their home in Kariya, Aichi, Japan, to visit friends and see the campus where Flora and Akiyuki met a decade earlier. Back home, Flora is a full-time mom and Aki a software engineer for an automotive company.

On campus, the family posed for portraits by **Heather Spring Sieck '96** and **J.P. Sieck '95**, who own Sieck Photography in Fredericksburg. The Takoshimas' friend **Steve Mauro '04**, who roomed with Aki a decade ago, shot video.

Aki, a native of Sapporo, Japan, earned a degree from the Chitose Institute of Science and Technology but

computer science at Mary Washington in just two years.

Aki's studies coincided with Flora's study-abroad experience at Mary Washington. She was a senior at Hong Kong's Lingnan University.

New to campus just before the semester began, she got lost trying to find an acquaintance's place at what is now the UMW Apartments, where Aki and Steve roomed together. Aki and some friends were walking by, and he helped Flora find her way.

The semester began, and she found herself sitting right in front of him in an English literature class. They became friends while working on a class project, but it wasn't until the semester's end

Faye Carrithers Roberts '70 received the 2014 Florida Library Association Leader of the Year Award for distinguished service.

45th reunion, they were joined by former roommates and hall mates **Jan Desmond Melluzzo, Carol Greenwood Trejo, Tanya Belt Nickson, Loretta Horgan Nagle, Beverley Clare Coates '68, Doralece Lipoli Dullaghan '70, Anne Howell Wood '70, and Kirsten Mackey '70.** Cheryl's son and daughter-in-law of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, welcomed a baby in April.

Anne Witham Kilpatrick was sorry to miss her first reunion in 25 years. Her granddaughter graduated from high school, so Anne and her husband took her to Aruba. Anne's roommate, **Jeanine Zavrel Fears**, also missed our reunion as she was on an Alaskan cruise with her daughter. Anne and Jeanine hope to have a mini-reunion this summer with suitemates **Suzy Bender Winterble and Toni Turner Bruseth**. Toni lives with husband Jim in Texas, where the group's formal reunion will be next year. Their exhibit on the explorer LaSalle's ship La Belle will open to the public in the Bullock Texas State History Museum. The project and book received many awards and was the subject of a TV show. Anne looks forward to her 50th high school reunion next fall. She's taken up yoga again and is vice regent of her DAR chapter. She'll be regent next summer. Anne's husband, Roger, is active in the bagpipe band Greenville Pipes and Drums. Anne and Roger planned to attend a competition in Charleston, South Carolina, in September.

Lesley Fanning Atkinson attended the reunion, joined by **Nancy Raisor Schlossberg, Polly Francis Rosenstein, Donna Jones Searle '70, and Gabrielle Pagin '70.** They all lived in Russell together. They had such a good time they decided to return for the Class of '70's reunion next year.

Phyllis Newby Thompson attended the reunion, her first ever. Husband John and their

dog, Kona, who became our unofficial class mascot, accompanied her. Phyllis gathered with Carol Greenwood Trejo, **Betsy Crews Nielson, and Gloria Shelton Gibson**, who were all in her high school class. Phyllis and Betsy were together from first grade through Mary Washington graduation. Phyllis' son planned an August wedding in Napa Valley. The newlyweds will live in Minneapolis, and Phyllis and John planned summer visits with them and with their daughter in New York. They also planned a trip to their second home on Hawaii's Kona coast. Last time they were there, Phyllis fell on slippery lava while hiking and had to be airlifted off the island for surgery to repair cuts on her face.

This is my last column as class agent. **Iris Harrell** is taking over. I've had fun hearing all your news over the past few years. Please send your news to Iris at iris@harrell-remodeling.com.

1970

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Edith C. "Dibby" Clark is building her gardening business and putting her renovated home back together. Last May she marched

The Class of 1970's Christina Kormanski Krause, Kathy Thiel, Kathi O'Neill, Mary Pat O'Donnell Wiegard, and Gabby Pagin planned a weekend getaway with **Mary Karen Vellines, Suzanne Ferguson Buchanan, and Jean Burgess Botts.**

in the Memorial Day parade with Vietnam veterans. Sister **Anne C. Clark '69** was recovering from back surgery. Their mother is in a rehabilitation center after a partial hip replacement. Dibby plans to visit them in the Berkshires in Massachusetts this fall.

In May 2011, **Sandra Sayre** retired from teaching English at the College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City, North Carolina; took classes at Tidewater Community College (TCC) to renew her teaching certificate in Virginia; and was hired as an adjunct by TCC to teach freshman and sophomore English. In fall 2012, Sandy took a post-graduate course at Old Dominion University to complete the endorsement for developmental reading. Daughter Marcia Marker passed away in September 2013 from ovarian cancer. Our condolences go to Sandy. She has custody of her three grandchildren and is still an adjunct at TCC's Chesapeake campus. Sandy's sister is **Jean Sayre Turlington '74**.

After six years, **Faye Carrithers Roberts** stepped down as executive director of the Florida Library Association (FLA) last January but still works with the association part time. She helps her husband manage their north Florida timber farm. They have five grandchildren. Faye graduated from the Florida State University School of Information in 1991 and received the 2014 FLA Leader of the Year Award for distinguished service.

Christina Kormanski Krause and husband Paul welcomed grandson John, the first child of daughter Megan and son-in-law John, in June. Tina helped with the baby, then joined Paul in Kiawah. Tina retired in June 2013 after 12 years as lower school librarian at the Potomac

planned a weekend getaway with **Mary Karen Vellines, Suzanne Ferguson Buchanan, and Jean Burgess Botts.**

Several years ago, **Martha Christian Santoro** changed careers, from attorney/college teacher to public librarian. She and husband Mike returned to Virginia from New England in 2011 and have two grandchildren. Martha is a reference librarian at the Chesterfield library. Mike is on the Virginia War Memorial Board. They visit **Sherrill Hoofnagle Alexander** and husband Michael. Sherrill and Martha, into genealogy, attended a national conference last spring. Martha and Mike also visited **Edie Morrison Herron** and husband Jim. Last fall the Santoros saw the D-Day landing beaches at Normandy. Ted and I have visited them, too. My dad was a radioman on a B-24 that bombed St. Lo.

My Soleil singing group presented a patriotic music program at assisted living facilities in June for Flag Day. It's heartwarming to recognize members of the older generation who've served our nation. I'd love to hear from more of you. Please send news.

1971

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Sally R. Mayor lives in the heart of the Swiss Alps. She planned an adventure with **Tish Stoner Sawyer**, who was to be near Milano, Italy, in September with her husband. Sally's eldest daughter, Patricia, works for the International Skating Union. Youngest daughter Adrienne of Geneva is married, works in marketing and communications for Vacheron Constantin, and has children Zoé, 5, and Jack, 2. Sally still manages the Cambridge English language exams in Switzerland but is training someone to take over. She does PR and marketing part time for the Les Roches International School of Hotel Management. She planned summer trips to Hungary, France, Italy, and Belgium, some for balloon festivals, and usually visits the U.S. once a year. **Lisa Barker**



Sally R. Mayor '71 lives in the heart of the Swiss Alps, where she manages the Cambridge English language exams in Switzerland.

traveled to Sweden in May and June, touring sites with notable classical architecture.

1972

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Hey, classmates. Thanks to those who sent news. **Kathy Bradford Lehman** planned to retire in July after 27 years as a school librarian, the last 14 at Thomas Dale High School in Chesterfield County, Virginia. She published the book *Interacting With History: Teaching With Primary Sources*. She planned to visit her daughter and son-in-law in Seattle and her son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren in Manhattan.

Nancy Mahone Miller continues her DAR activities and recently attended the Virginia luncheon at the DAR Continental Congress at the National Press Club with **Terri Hall Alford**.

Julie Obarski Simpson welcomed first grandchild John Thomas Simpson IV in June. We hope to have lunch next time I'm in Fredericksburg.

Deb Stanley Leap plans a 2015 trip to Africa and wants a travel mate. If you're interested, contact her at snpgal@gmail.com.

Cheryl Prietz Childress and husband Dave attended the Morgan Car Club meet in Luray, Virginia, and often travel to colonial re-enactments. Cheryl creates buttons for period costumes. Dennis and I joined them again for a weekend at Fort Frederick, Maryland. Cheryl is an extra on the AMC TV production *Turn*, filmed in the Richmond area. She and daughter Thea planned to visit us in Baltimore in September for a girls' weekend.

Dennis and I stay active in Baltimore. My job at the law

firm is nonstop. We took part in Baltimore's annual Hon Fest and other Hon events in June, and plan to check out the September country music festival in Bristol, Virginia.

Send news. It's terrific to hear from each of you.

1973

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Hope no news is good news because you all have been very quiet. Don't forget to write! We welcomed a granddaughter from our middle daughter in March. Her middle name is Molina. We planned to spend time with family in August in North Carolina's Outer Banks. We visited our youngest daughter in the Boston area in May and made our annual flying pilgrimage to Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, in our 1946 J-3 Piper Cub in June. We also traveled to North Carolina for the Highland Games on Grandfather Mountain. I have a

Cheryl Prietz Childress '72 creates buttons for period costumes and is an extra on the AMC TV production *Turn*.

new hobby, beekeeping, and hope to harvest honey next year. My sister, **Grace Hines Sorey '70**, traveled to Italy, linking up with daughter Rachel.

Have a great holiday season. Please send news.

1974

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Peg Hubbard said the 40th was the best reunion yet. Our class

enjoyed a great turnout, three days of fabulous activities, and perfect weather. Thanks to **Sid Baker Etherington** for spearheading our decorating efforts; our tent looked awesome! Many from the Jefferson 4th West gang chose to stay in Mason. Peg encourages everyone to consider staying in the dorms for our 45th. The beds were comfortable, and the group took over the lobby and had a full kitchen. Let's make Reunion 2019 even better!

1975

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Lina Scott Woodall and husband Jon's daughter, Sarah, was married in May.

Jackie Ewansky Bryan was promoted to associate professor in the Cannon Memorial Library at Saint Leo University in Florida. She received tenure, published her fourth article, presented at three

Joyce Hines Molina '73 and her husband made their annual pilgrimage to Pennsylvania in their 1946 J-3 Piper Cub.

Meg Mullen Hughes missed the reunion as they were in Glen Allen, Virginia, taking care of a grandson. Daughter Erin married Dan Moyet in July 2010. They have children Kayla, 2, and Tyler, 1. Son Joe married Loreen Hagerty last June. Along with her son, Sal, they moved to Glen Allen, just miles from Erin's family, and welcomed Paul James "PJ" in April. Meg is a social worker at a Fredericksburg dialysis center, where she's worked 30 years, and babysits for Erin, a part-time physical therapist for a Richmond home health agency. Meg and Paul plan to move to Glen Allen to join the rest of the family.

Director of Alumni Relations **Mark Thaden '02** and his staff did a tremendous job at the reunion making every class feel special. The new format – each class has a tent on Ball Circle for the Saturday picnic – lets classmates visit all day. The classes and lectures were well done. Suzy and I (Sid) arrived Thursday night and crammed in as much as possible. Brompton is beautiful as ever and President Hurley and wife Rose more gracious than you can imagine. Mark your calendars for our 45th in 2019. Thanks to the 40th Reunion Committee – **Bobbie Burton**, Sid Baker Etherington, Peg Hubbard, **Patti Goodall Strawderman**, Diane Harvey Smith, Jeane Baughan Stone, Suzy Passarello Quenzer, and Leslie F. Tilghman – for making it memorable.

conferences, and received an Innovation in Instruction Award from the American Library Association. Jackie is secretary for the Florida Dance Education Organization. She and husband Rich, a retired psychology professor, took a summer trip to Alaska and Las Vegas. Jackie's older son is a graphic designer in Tampa. Her younger son earned an English degree from the University of Florida.

Faith Geibel Williams Moore of North Carolina retired but leads a water aerobics class, bikes, and walks. She volunteers at Tryon Palace in New Bern, dressing in costume and leading tours. Her husband still works full time at a local company. Their grandson and granddaughter, 4 and 1, live in Richmond, so they see them often. The Moores planned an August/September trip to Norway, driving around and cruising the fjords.

Al Brewster still has his small private mental health practice at

Let us hear from you!

Deadlines for submissions to class agents:

Material received by _____

Appears in _____

MARCH 1 SUMMER

JULY 1 FALL/WINTER

NOVEMBER 1 SPRING

Chesapeake Christian Counseling Center and has provided crisis response counseling in Kabul, Afghanistan, and for the September 2013 Navy Yard murders. He is president and CEO of the nonprofit charity Battle Buddies, training advocates to provide peer-to-peer veteran support. Al and his wife collect antique sports cars, boat on the Chesapeake, and keep up long-distance with 3-year-old grandson Nixon.

After Mary Washington, **Melissa Mulreany** earned a DDS from the University of Maryland, treated patients for 30 years, including three years in Japan with the Air Force, and developed a consulting business, delivering continuing education services to healthcare providers. Melissa has been married 35 years and has two grown children. She's survived inflammatory breast cancer for 10 years and credits triathlon training.

Meg Mullen Hughes '74 is a social worker at a Fredericksburg dialysis center, where she has worked 30 years.

Jan Haustrath, executive VP at APCO Worldwide in Washington, D.C., celebrated the first year of her blog, MrsSedd@sixty, chronicling the joys, aches, and pains of being a senior citizen and working mom of a 13-year-old. In July, daughter Jinny attended Longacre Camp in Pennsylvania, which specializes in teen leadership development. Husband David Seddlemeyer is a National Labor Relations Board supervisory attorney.

A year ago, **Pat Powers Gaske** and husband Steve moved from Rockville, Maryland, where they'd lived 25 years and raised their children, and bought a 106-year-old house in Fredericksburg near Historic Kenmore. They love being able to walk downtown and being only 45 minutes from their house on the Rappahannock River in Tappahannock. Steve still works, commuting by train to D.C. Pat never went back to work after staying home with their three children, who visited them in July. Their older son works

with Road Runner Sports in Northern Virginia. Their second son completed a ship's engineer program at Seattle Maritime Academy and was to start work with Conoco Phillips in September. Their daughter lives in Madison, Wisconsin, works with high school special ed students, and planned to start a master's program in fall.

Pat and Steve spent a weekend with **Jackie Sobinski** and husband Leo Henderson, who live on a small farm near Richmond. They also visited Pat's roommate, **Margaret Murphey**, and husband Tom Camp, who were selling their Williamsburg home and moving to White Stone at the mouth of the Rappahannock River. Pat also has seen **Agnes Rollins '77**, who lives in Massanutton and was a freshman in Virginia Hall when Pat was a junior counselor there. Pat saw **Debbi Sudduth** and husband Brian Burgher, who live near

Purcellville, Virginia, and **April Tooke** of Silver Spring, Maryland, who works for Marriott Corp. Pat exchanges Christmas cards with **Mary Byrnes** and thinks she still lives in the Maryland part of the D.C. suburbs.

Pat and Steve run into Bill and **Terrie Young Crawley '77**, who live nearby, and **Anne Gray**

Faith Geibel Williams Moore '75 volunteers at Tryon Palace in New Bern, North Carolina, dressing in costume and leading tours.

Fuller '73, who married biology professor Steve Fuller. Pat plans to hold a class party at her house for our 40th reunion next year.

Allan Jenkins has lived near Lenoir City, Tennessee, for 35 years and is a hydrogeologist for Tetra Tech in Oak Ridge. Wife of 31 years Lezle teaches at a Knoxville high school. Their three kids earned bachelor's

degrees and are pursuing master's degrees. One was in the Peace Corps. Their two girls live together in Bozeman, Montana, where the Jenkinses planned a July vacation. Their son planned to start a master's program in engineering at the University of Alabama. Allan is in touch with running mates **Steve Jones** of Brisbane, Australia, **Glenn Markwith '76** of Gloucester, Virginia, **Chip Schwab '77** of Marion, Ohio, and **Richie Hasty '76** and **Emmett Snead '76** of Fredericksburg. Allan visits his hometown, Colonial Beach, Virginia. He hopes to work a few more years and commutes on a motorcycle most days. He plays guitar daily and bass in a '60s folk tribute band.

I look forward to seeing you at our 40th reunion next year. Keep the news coming!

1976

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Rennie Archibald IV married **Margaret Hughes** 37 years ago. Maggie worked for IBM and Rennie worked in correctional education. Son Rennie V, a computer science Ph.D., married a med school student. Daughter Ashley, a journalist, attends grad school at the London School of Economics. Rennie and Maggie left the East Coast in 1979; have lived in Washington state, California, Texas, and NYC; and retired in San Francisco. Maggie gardens, and Rennie sails, rides

motorcycles, and runs a chapter of American Pilgrims on the Camino, facilitating Americans walking and working on Spain's Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route.

Jean Patton Hippert lives near Baltimore with husband Brent. She's senior managing director for PNC Bank's healthcare division. Brent runs a consulting firm.

Daughter Hillary moved to D.C. last September. The Hipperts are active in the Church of the Resurrection, which they helped establish nine years ago. They flew their Beech Bonanza to Montreal last year and planned a summer trip to the Canadian Maritimes. They still scuba dive, and Jean bird-watches and gardens.

Sharon Reel Fuhrmeister retired and traveled to India in February to deliver polio vaccinations for National Immunization Day, aimed at eradicating childhood disease around the world. Sharon's younger daughter, Erica, graduated from Johns Hopkins in May and received a grant from the National Science Foundation to finish her research before pursuing a Ph.D. in environmental engineering at the University of California Berkeley.

Janice Tucker Goebel of Bastrop, Texas, retired from Union Carbide and married a Texan. She volunteers at church and in her community. **Sue Sendlein Luscomb**'s daughter, Ashton, plans to marry Zachary Zimmerman in March.

Dianne Pace Phillips is retiring after 35 years as a dental technician. Her husband works in project management and architecture at U.Va. They plan to move to their James River property in Buckingham County. Dianne's elder son is a diesel boat mechanic at Lake of the Woods Marina near Fredericksburg. Her daughter, a Richmond interior designer, married last September. Her stepson is in his last year at Johnson & Wales University in Charlotte, North Carolina. Dianne plays tennis, gardens, and paints in watercolors.

Helen French Thornton Branch of Peachtree City, Georgia, retired after 27 years working with challenged populations. She plans to continue doing educational programs in the correctional system, and for her church and community, and to develop a mentoring program for female ex-offenders. She also runs with her two dogs. One of Helen's two grown grandsons was entering Queens University of Charlotte.



Yolande A. Long's son, Ross Fallen, earned a bachelor's degree from VCU and works for Richmond's Hardywood Park Craft Brewery. Younger son Drew Fallen earned a bachelor's degree in history from U.Va. and planned to attend the McIntire School of Commerce. Yolande attended the April wedding of Jonathan Face, son of **Melissa Baisch Face** '78.

Sylvia Soutzos Pyle of Indian Wells, California, enjoyed Independence Day fireworks from her daughter's boat near San Diego. Sylvia visited her daughter,

After 27 years working with challenged populations, Helen French Thornton Branch '76 retired and plans to develop a mentoring program for female ex-offenders.

an associate attorney, in Corona Del Mar in Orange County, California. They go to the Del Mar racetrack and visit Temecula wineries.

Karen Sullivan Iseman and husband Ron of Ormond Beach, Florida, welcomed their first grandchild, Isla (pronounced ey-luh) Rose Sutherland, daughter of their son, John, and wife Laura in Portland, Oregon. They took a road trip, exploring Oregon's lighthouses and California's giant redwoods.

Lundy Baker Updike's son, **Tom Updike** '17, plays forward on the UMW rugby team. Lundy has become close with **Lois Loehr Brown** '41, who lives nearby.

In May, **Marci Richards Suelzer**, content marketing manager for Wolters Kluwer, earned a master's degree in mental health counseling from Trinity International University, passed the National Counselor Exam, and got a job offer from her internship. She and husband Ray plan to move.

Ann Chryssikos McBroom attended a spring reunion at Emmett Snead's farm, with **Margo Clifford, Glenn Markwith** and wife Anne, **Richard Hasty** and wife Barb, **Barb Sullivan, Eva Graham** '77, and Professor Emeritus Marshall Bowen. Ann still helps elderly

people shop and correspond. Husband Kerry works indirectly for his previous employer, implementing Orion systems. Son Connor graduated from Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and spent a month in Montreal in JMU's study-abroad program.

Judy Sledge Joyce's son, Jack, graduated from Gonzaga College High School in D.C. and earned the headmaster's and excellence in music awards. **Carolyn Roberts**, Jack's godmother, attended the graduation. Jack

teaching and doing research. They bought a house and were enjoying rediscovering Pittsburgh. Reggie moved her mom there, too.

Husband Brian, a University of Nebraska math professor, is on sabbatical. Daughter Alina earned a master's degree in teaching English as a second language from Boston University. Daughter Kira lives in Brooklyn and planned to start grad school for speech therapy in fall.

Our daughter Ellen married Andrew Schooley in November 2013. Our younger daughter, Anna, began an apprenticeship as an assistant chocolatier in Arlington to complete Maryland's L'Academie de Cuisine pastry arts program. I'm still in our church's women's Bible study and volunteer in Ellen's Fairfax County second-grade class. Keep the news coming.

August, and visiting friends, family, and MWC/UMW pals. They planned to return north through Quebec and into Ontario.

1978

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Leslie Rigby Kash and husband Morgan moved to Fredericksburg in July and renovated a house in College Heights.

Demetria Smith Laird called to say Roger W. Bailey, former UMW professor of music, died in December 2013. An arranger and composer, Bailey earned master's degrees in choral conducting and composition from Temple University. He led music ensembles throughout his life, directing the Fredericksburg Singers in the mid- to late-70s. Bailey is survived by wife of 39 years Carolynn, daughter Jennifer, and son Robert.

1979

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Vicki Sprague Ravenel, Craig "Skippy" Strickland Robinson, Terrie Martin Dort, Jo McTague Atkinson, and Pam Roberts Albrecht held their annual "Goddess Reunion" at Skippy's Memphis home. They visited Graceland, the National Civil Rights Museum, and the Peabody. Skippy was an amazing hostess, tolerating bedrooms and

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at our 35th reunion. The weather was beautiful and Director of Alumni Relations **Mark Thaden** '02 did a fabulous job. **Gayle Weinberger Petro**, VP for reunions on the UMW

Alumni Board, enthusiastically encouraged everyone to attend, and **Lisa Bratton Soltis** of our reunion committee organized a wonderful class party. Thanks to **Cyn Anderson**

Schmidt and husband David, honorary Class of 1979 member, for decorating the class tent – Animal House lives on! **Leslie Schluter** of Colorado may have traveled farthest. **Patrick Everett** never ages. Put the 40th on your calendars for 2019!

Jane Haynie-Hall of Fredericksburg, in education 35 years, is assistant principal at A.G. Richardson in Culpeper County.

bathrooms overrun with clothes, jewelry, and shoes.

Vicki was named to the UMW Alumni Board of Directors. **Janice Wenning** and husband Brad retired from corporate America and are home only half the year. They spent this past winter at their home in Belize and planned a cross-country trip, their fifth, from California to New Hampshire, renting a house in

Jane Haynie-Hall '79 of Fredericksburg has been in education 35 years and is assistant principal at Culpeper's A.G. Richardson Elementary.

Hannah Patterson Crew's daughter, Elizabeth, is married and lives near her and husband Todd. Son-in-law Chris is a lawyer. Younger daughter Emily moved to Tampa. Hannah hopes to retire soon and travel. Todd started a new job and planned to work a few more years.

Reggie Tambellini Harbourne moved to Pittsburgh after 27 years in Nebraska. She took a job on Duquesne University's physical therapy school faculty,

Susan Hardy Johnson '83 and husband Page have two UMW sons, Sam Johnson '14, an environmental science major, and Dillon Johnson '11.

Hope to hear from more of you in the future.

1980

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Jackie Lane Rice, Ann Clark Lockhart, Martha Newcombe Reed, Terri Sullivan Walsh, Martha Weber Jaffe, and Lynn Ziernicki Bruce met in NYC last fall. Jackie and husband Rich have two college kids and a

ninth-grader. Jackie competes in Ironman triathlons. **Barbara Balogh Saunders** is in her running group. Jackie's sister, **Jennifer Lane Sullivan**, who transferred to VCU, and brother-in-law Stuart Sullivan, UMW

senior director of plant operations, have a daughter who started UMW this fall. Terri's daughter, **Mackenzie Walsh '14**, graduated from UMW in May.

Kim Stephenson Reiley and Barney Reiley '81 welcomed their fourth grandchild in June.

Susan Hardy Johnson and husband Page have two UMW sons, **Sam Johnson '14**, an environmental science major, and **Dillon Johnson '11**. The Johnsons cruised to Bermuda for their 30th anniversary.

I hadn't seen former roommate **Teresa Childers Peterson** in decades but visited her and husband Mark during the 2013 holidays; we found ourselves within driving distance on vacation in Florida. The Petersons planned summer trips out west.

In summer, Tom and I visited Amsterdam, Vienna, and Budapest, where middle son Michael, who'll graduate Tufts in May 2015, was doing a computer internship. Oldest son Tommy

teaches in a New Haven inner city school. His and others' experience teaching social justice was chronicled in an ebook.

1984

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When **Sarah Kosak Calvert** started Mary Washington in 1980, she lived in Fairfax, Virginia. She went to law school and owned a legal practice for years, before earning a master's degree and

Dallas is a real estate company area director.

John Reynolds, a Fredericksburg Realtor, ran auto dealerships for 25 years. He's rehabbing his historic district home with bull terrier rescue Rocky. Son John, a College of William and Mary graduate, works in Northern Virginia. Son Justin, a Virginia Tech graduate, is pursuing a master's degree and plans to teach. Daughter Rachel, who attended UMW but transferred to Longwood, plans to become an athletic trainer.

In June, **Joni Dodd Libglid** and husband Craig lost only son Ian

Sarah Kosak Calvert '84 has been a United Methodist pastor for 10 years. After attending law school and owning a legal practice, she earned a master's degree and Ph.D. at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Ph.D. at Wesley Theological Seminary. She's been a United Methodist pastor for 10 years. Recently, work with Northern Virginia churches in revitalization and leadership development took her back to Fairfax.

Marianna Rixey Scott '85 and **Mark Scott**'s eldest daughter, Maggie, planned an October wedding. Mark spent a weekend with **Jerry Pumphrey**.

After 30 years leading IBM human resources, **James Miller** retired.

Michael, 23, to depression. Joni is creating a suicide prevention program in her Buffalo Public Schools district, where she's taught for 21 years.

Gayle Greenwood Whitlock became a Prince William Chamber of Commerce board member. Daughter Brooke attends Radford University. Two of Gayle's kids traveled to Guatemala for a mission trip building stoves to improve air quality. Their family vacationed in Boston and Cape Cod during summer. She and husband Bennett became empty nesters in fall.

1985

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Allison Cornell, ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles in June, anticipates being ordained a priest soon. She and her partner moved to Sierra Vista, Arizona. Allison keeps up with **Jenny Utz '82, Suzie Leavitt '83, Chris Hruby '81, and Linda Lemanski Blakemore '84**.

Matt Faulconer is Rappahannock Electric Cooperative manager of external affairs. **Russell Berry** of

After a career in librarianship, most recently 18 years at the Florida Coastal School of Law, **Martha Shears Smith** and husband James purchased specialty store Green Man Gourmet. Years ago, Martha visited **Maura Pollin**, who's lived in Paris since graduation.

Noel Harrison of Fredericksburg works for the National Park Service at Chatham Manor, writes articles on the park's blog, and authored a guidebook.

Kent Rice, a pastor for five years, founded the nonprofit East

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Petersburg Faith Outreach. Wife Karen supervises children's ministries at their church. Oldest daughter Morgan began discipleship training at Pennsylvania's Miracle Mountain Ranch. Youngest daughter Kensey is a sophomore. Kent keeps tabs on the old Marshall Hall crew via Facebook.

Pat Holland of Fredericksburg is Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging director of client services. Pat and her partner celebrated 50th birthdays with a cross-country trip via national parks and a Caribbean cruise with rainforest zip-lining.

Charles Kennedy moved from L.A. to NYC to oversee research for cable channels like USA and E! His son graduated from NYU. His daughter finished a semester in Brisbane, Australia.

John Reynolds '85, a Fredericksburg Realtor, is rehabbing his historic district home. He ran auto dealerships for 25 years.

Susan Waid Beard is vice president of Old North State Trust, a family-owned Greensboro, North Carolina, company. Husband Richard is partner/owner with commercial real estate firm Simpson Schulman & Beard. Son Thomas, a University of South Carolina junior, studies economics. Daughter Mary Grace plays high school soccer and field hockey. The family has an Oak Island, North Carolina, beach house.

Susan Goyette Caldwell, a Woods Rogers law firm marketing director, married and moved in 2012 to Roanoke, Virginia,

Let us hear from you!

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MARCH 1	SUMMER
JULY 1	FALL/WINTER
NOVEMBER 1	SPRING

where she's active with UMW. Her stepdaughters are 19 and 15.

Anna Mueller Branner, a potter and weaver at LibertyTown Arts Workshop and her home studio for 10 years, is a Historic Kenmore guide and supervisor, and a real estate title examiner. She moved to Fredericksburg in 1997 with husband **Greg Branner**, when he worked for Potomac Hospital. They moved to Charlottesville and, in 2011, back to Fredericksburg, where Greg is UMW Foundation CFO.

I, Monique Gormont Mobley, am still in Madison, Wisconsin, working with K-12 ESL students. Both children graduated from college. I visited Paris this summer.

Mark your calendars for our 30th reunion next year!

1986

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1987

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From Kim: In July, my Leadership Lawton class built a playground for special-needs children, with community volunteers and Fort Sill soldiers. I run our computer business and celebrated the one-year anniversary of the yoga studio where I teach. I celebrated my 50th birthday in July with my husband and friends.

Chris Marron and Jennifer Aultman Marron of Annapolis, Maryland, married 26 years, Skype often with daughter Monica, who's married and lives in Osaka, Japan, with husband Soushi, and Chris and Jennifer's first grandchild, Tsugumi. Tim is working on his first degree at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). Hannah and Chloe, 10 and 8, love soccer and Girl Scouts. Chris left the federal government after 20 years, taught at the Naval Academy, and took a professor

Chris Marron '87 and Jennifer Aultman

Marron '87 Skype often with daughter Monica, who lives in Japan with her husband and Chris and Jennifer's first grandchild.

position in UMBC's computer science department. Jennie works in clinical research at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. They travel and camp.

The 15th Judicial Circuit lawyers elected **Jennifer Lee Parrish** to a three-year term on the Virginia State Bar Council.

Email updates or find me on Facebook under "Kim Jones Isaac."

1988

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Robby Noll and wife Susan of Charlottesville have seventh- and ninth-grade daughters. His company develops student housing and commercial office building in central Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley. Elder daughter Hannah was to attend field hockey camp at UMW.

Don Appiarious is University of St. Francis dean of students in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Silver Spring, Maryland, eighth-grade English teacher **Donna Whitney** has a 15-year-old son.

Deborah Hyland '89 spent summer calling square and contra dances in the Midwest, then returned to St. Louis Community College, teaching Shakespeare and film. **Kemetia Foley '87** was to present on social media fundamentals at a September administrative professionals conference.

1989

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1990

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Madison Doehler '18, daughter of **Andrea Hoover Doehler** and **David Doehler '02** is a UMW freshman. Federal government communications instructor **Cynthia Lewis** earned a Ph.D. in education from Walden University.

Brooke Fillmore Herndon, husband Greg, and English springer spaniel Winnie have a 20-acre "farmette" in Winchester, Virginia, where they plan to raise cows next spring. Brooke works in development for a global health NGO, Project HOPE. She placed second in her age group at the Apple Blossom 10K, running 6.2 miles in 47 minutes. She's in the Winchester Rotary Club and volunteers with Girls on the Run, a nonprofit learning, life-skills, and running program for girls 8 through 13.

Kathryn Courtney Kelchner is a marine science coordinator/teacher and art teacher at St. Mary Star of the Sea School in Hampton, Virginia. When Kathryn saw the senior pictures of **James Whalen** and **Gary Witzenburg** on the wall at Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School in Virginia Beach, during a meeting, it took her back to Custis days freshman year.

During 23 years with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, from cartography to program management, I've worked with several UMW alums. My three boys are in soccer and Scouts. A den leader, I took my son's group to a January UMW men's basketball game, where we beat Penn State Harrisburg. Fellow pack parent **David Rider '96** lives near Manassas with his wife and two children.

I'm neighbors with **Heather Jackson Priddy '89**. Our sons, Brett and Jack, are elementary school classmates.

What have been your experiences? Please share with us.

Former Eagle Finds Niche Promoting NFL Jaguars

It's easy to imagine **Tad Dickman '12** in his dorm room after a long day of classes and basketball practice as a University of Mary Washington undergrad, fighting exhaustion to finish a term paper and wondering: *When am I ever going to do this in the "real world"?*

Now, those term papers must seem like tapping a text message compared to the 150-page dossier Dickman compiles weekly as the Jacksonville Jaguars' public relations coordinator. Just two years after earning a degree in business administration, Dickman finds himself feeding football fans' - and the media's - insatiable appetite for information.

A four-year starter on the Eagles' basketball team, Dickman knew he wanted to pursue a career in athletics. Interning abroad after his junior year, he fell in love with PR while working in Sydney for Australia's National

Basketball League. After graduation, he interned with Major League Soccer's D.C. United before getting an internship with the National Football League's New York Giants.

Dickman arrived at Giants training camp on a Monday, and by Wednesday he was working a press conference where more than 75 journalists, including *Sports Illustrated*'s Peter King and then-ESPN's Rachel Nichols, were peppering Giants' quarterback Eli Manning with questions. To stay calm, Dickman relied on his playing experience. "I've had the ball in my hands with the game on the line," Dickman said, "so nerves never got to me."

Dickman parlayed the Giants internship into a volunteer role at Super Bowl XLVII in New Orleans, where he applied a lesson from his Eagles basketball coach. "One message Coach [Rod] Wood always hit on was turning ideas

and thoughts into realities," he said. Dickman worked the Big Easy, introducing himself to NFL executives and volunteering for every activity, including the NFL Honors Awards Show, where he served as the PR liaison for Barry Sanders. Those contacts paid off when he got an interview with the Jaguars, who hired him in April 2013.

In addition to the weekly document he assembles for the media, Dickman tracks coverage of the Jaguars and helps prepare players to respond to press questions. Dickman credits UMW's Smita Oxford, senior lecturer of business, with giving him the tools to communicate effectively with the media. "In our business communications class," Dickman said, "we were forced to evaluate business problems and dilemmas in unconventional ways and determine the best course of action."

A star basketball player at Fairfax's Robert E. Lee High School, Dickman wanted to keep playing hoops in college, and he wanted easy access to professors like Oxford. So he chose Mary Washington over larger Virginia universities that couldn't provide students the same individual attention. Today he's thrilled with his decision, still counting many of his Eagles teammates and peers among his closest friends.

Dickman didn't know those strong connections with faculty and classmates were preparing him for a career. In Jacksonville, he adheres to one of Jaguars coach Gus Bradley's favorite mantras, "Connect with the following."

For a one-time hoops star and rising sports professional like Dickman, that's a layup.

"I've had the ball in my hands with the game on the line, so nerves never got to me."

– Tad Dickman

Tad Dickman,
Jacksonville
Jaguars public
relations coor-
dinator, kept a
close eye on the
sidelines when the
Jaguars faced the
Indianapolis Colts
last December.



Rick Wilson/Jacksonville Jaguars



1991

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Hello, Class of 1991! Hope everyone is well. I only heard from a few people this time.

Michelle Lesko Parker's son, Jake, is battling Duchenne muscular dystrophy. If you'd like to contribute to the cause, visit youcaring.com/jakesjourney2014.

Rob Beilfus, senior production manager at RTC in Washington, D.C., also teaches yoga.

Leanne Kinsella married Frank Fogle in June on Lake Norman in North Carolina. Frank's son, Denton, was best man. The couple took a trip to Asheville and live in Huntersville, North Carolina, with German shepherd

Brooke Fillmore Herndon '90 volunteers with Girls on the Run, a nonprofit learning, life-skills, and running program for girls 8 through 13.

GiGi, mini schnauzer Jack, and cats Dakota and Pierre. Leanne is director of market development for graphic communications firm Classic in Charlotte. Frank is national accounts manager for Arjobex America.

Send news and updates any time. I hope to hear from you soon!

1992

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1993

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1995

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Kendra L. Williams, diagnosed with primary progressive multiple sclerosis, is quickly losing her ability to walk and do other things, and had to step down as senior travel editor at *Midwest Living* magazine. On her blog at MStravels.org, she shares her story, along with inspirational travel stories aimed at getting people with disabilities out on the road.

1996

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From Jen: Hello, classmates! My son, Connor, 9, made a travel soccer team last year. I was promoted to senior vice president with global HR at Bank of America. I had dinner with **Lynn Terrill Walters '94**. My travels to New Jersey aren't the same without seeing **Carrie Columbia Campbell '96**, **Jeff Campbell '97**, and kiddos Cate, Mason, and Emma, who moved from the NYC suburbs to the Nashville area in August 2013. Jeff works for United Methodist Conferences.

Third-grade teacher **Jill McDaniel** purchased her first home last summer. **Courtney Weise Santonicola** and husband Steve welcomed third child Peter. **Laura Duffey Ford** planned to meet him at a Virginia Hall reunion hosted by photographer **Heather Spring Sieck** and husband **JP Sieck '95** of Fredericksburg. Richmond teacher **Carmen Altorelli Eckel '95** planned to join them. **Cassandra Essig Fisher** lives in New Jersey with husband **Craig Fisher '97**, homeschools their three boys, and directs a local co-op. Laura lives

in St. Mary's County, Maryland, with husband Ryan, homeschools their three girls, and coaches a soccer team that includes the son of **Michelle Morehead Reardon '95**. **Anne Larson Crescini** wrote *Driving Me Crazy About It*, about her experiences living in Japan.

Stephanie Howard Whittaker of Caroline County works at the United States Parachute Association in Fredericksburg. When she, husband Rodney, and daughters Sydney and Scarlett were in Florida for spring break, they stayed in Windmere with **San Tham Sandy** and husband Shiva, who have sons Sean, Sebastian, and Sirius, and expected another boy in November.

Please keep the news coming!

1997

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Kira Stchur wed Eddie Villarreal in San Antonio in May. As best lady, I cried when she walked down the aisle with her dad. We had brunch, drank champagne, danced, and ended the night bar hopping along the River Walk. I saw Kira and Eddie two weeks later at a Paso Robles, California, wedding.

Ten years ago, I attended the June wedding of **Julie Newell Leslie** and **Nathan Leslie '95**, who have two kittens.

Jennifer Repella surprised friends and family with a "flash wedding," marrying Michael S. Gordon on July Fourth. Guests thought they were attending an Independence Day celebration. Alexa Shelton, Jennifer's daughter, gave her away and performed two songs in the couple's honor.

After 18 years, my Yahoo account is a sea of spam and shoe coupons. I want your news, so please note the email change.

1998

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1999

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2000

Daniela Kelley Sicuranza
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Ryan Lynch and wife Jennifer Wilen welcomed son Oscar Eoghan Wilen-Lynch in July.

Kristin DeGraff, who works in road race management, married land surveyor Jonathan Branson in June on a ship in the western Caribbean. They live in Orlando. **Katie Gottsch '98** and **Kristin Nuedling '01** hosted a bridal shower.

Sarah Stacy Selgas and husband **Tim Selgas '97** have William, 3, and expected a daughter in December. Sarah works for a Toronto-based ad agency. Tim was finishing grad school.

After teaching Latin five years in Spotsylvania County, **Kevin Perry** teaches Latin at the National Cathedral School in Washington, D.C. He's still involved with the Virginia Governor's Latin Academy and is in a master's of education program in Latin through UNC Greensboro.

Mel Sirois is marketing and communications coordinator for AMSUS, the Society of Federal Health Professionals. She took a sommelier course, received a WSET Level 2 certification, works D.C.-area wine-tastings, and has a food and wine blog. Mel traveled recently to Japan and South Africa and ran marathons in West Virginia and Oregon on her way to completing one in each of the 50 states.

Guests thought they were attending a July Fourth celebration when **Jennifer Repella '97** surprised them with a "flash wedding" to Michael S. Gordon.

Melissa Fallen, Huguenot Road Baptist Church associate pastor for older adults and administration, earned a doctor of ministry degree from Richmond's Baptist Theological Seminary. She plays cards with **Dianna Dittman**

Hudson '03, **Sarah Amick** '03, and **Abbie Duke Duenckel** '04.

Lisbeth White Busch, **Kari Lee Schultz**, **Mary Larkin Quinlan**, **Erandi Salgado Blatt**, **Angela Zosel McCormick**, and **Jason Vickers** saw the hilarious **Natalie Joy Johnson** play Pam in *Kinky Boots* in New York in March and met Cyndi Lauper backstage. Lisbeth and husband Matt of Long Island, New York, welcomed Charlotte on Memorial Day. She joins sister Becca.

Jill Ellis Frank and **Annette Hibbert Nelson** are stay-at-home moms in Maryland. Jill has daughters ages 4 and 2. Annette has a son, born days after Jill's younger daughter. Fertility clinic supervisor **Kristine Reid Milne** of Maryland has three children. **Julie Houts Frame**, a Pennsylvania CVS pharmacy manager, helps with husband Todd's wedding photography business. Florida National Guard historian **Alison Martin Simpson** has two boys. All five met in St. Augustine, where Alison lives, for a June weekend.

Maylian Pak of Eugene, Oregon, training in July for her first half marathon, ran into economics professor Stephen Stageberg. After retiring from UMW, Stageberg moved to Eugene, where he's a track legend.

I'm still in Arlington, Virginia, with my husband, **Chris Sicuranza** '98, and our daughters, ages 3 and 5. I'm a stay-at-home mom, do freelance work, practice photography, and volunteer at my daughters' school. I visit with **Blake Mitchell** and **Susan Wolf** when Blake is in Arlington for work. It's fun to read about classmates. Email news or friend me on Facebook! I hope to see you at our 15th reunion.

2001

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Stephanie Lee Scheibe Barb was elected a national delegate to represent the Girl Scouts of the Virginia Skyline at October's GSUSA National Convention in Salt Lake City.

Andrew Ward received UMW's Outstanding Young Alumnus Award at the May reunion. He produces an international music festival in Uganda and promotes his band, Wahida – The Sufi Second Line.

Quentin "Trais" Pearson earned a Ph.D. in history from Cornell University in August and was to begin teaching as a Mellon postdoctoral fellow at Wheaton College in Massachusetts.

Teresa Joerger Mannix, assistant dean for communications at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business, is vice president of the College Communicators Association of Virginia and D.C. She and her husband expect their second child in December.

Nicole McIntyre of Shanghai teaches at an international school. In January, **Kristin Neviackas Towse** and husband Farley welcomed second child Collin C. Towse, joining sister Ella.

2002

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Hilary Callahan wed Jason Glasscock of McLean, Virginia, in August in Nantucket.

Simon & Schuster preempted world rights to *Edward Gets Messy*, a picture book by Brooklyn librarian **Rita Meade**. Publication is slated for 2016.

Andrew Mertz married the Rev. Anne Pierpoint in Alexandria, Virginia, in August. Best man **Kevin Libby**, groomsman **Michael Panlilio**, **Tricia Pavlik**, and **Sara Felix** attended. Andrew completed a certificate in youth and theology from Princeton Theological Seminary and a ministerial internship in Sterling, Virginia.

Andrew Mertz '02 married the Rev. Anne Pierpoint in Alexandria. Classmates **Kevin Libby**, **Michael Panlilio**, **Tricia Pavlik**, and **Sara Felix** attended.

Corrine Compton is a Fauquier County, Virginia, government parcel mapping/GIS specialist.

2003

Jessica Brandes
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High school assistant principal **Allison Jennings Jordan** of Lynchburg, Virginia, earned a doctorate in leadership studies and has children Nick, 4, and Kate, 1.

Virginia Atkinson of Northern Virginia is access and inclusion specialist at the International Foundation for Electoral Systems. She co-authored the manual *Equal Access: How to Include Persons With Disabilities in Elections and Political Processes*. Virginia served on recent panels at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., and the United Nations in New York.

Jennifer Worcester Moore and husband Greg welcomed second son Ewan Carter in January. He joins brother Buckley, 3.

Robin Epperson-McCarthy, a Long Island Merlot Alliance research fellow, is senior sommelier and director of education at Roanoke Vineyards in Riverhead, New York.

Jessica Broderick Lewis and husband Matthew of Alexandria, Virginia, welcomed first child Graham Edward Lewis in February. Jessica, Sportrock Climbing Centers director of marketing, is pursuing a second master's degree at George Washington University.

Abbie Elliott, American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery communications manager, began her career with the White House Commission on Remembrance. She's covered events, including President Barack Obama's inaugurations, for *Huffington Post* and other

media outlets. This past year she worked with the Philippine Humanitarian Coalition to promote a benefit concert at the Kennedy Center for victims of Typhoon Haiyan. It featured *Glee* star Darren Criss, Broadway artist Lea Salonga, Black Eyed Peas singer apl.de.ap, and more.

Andy Wright and **Maria Yount Wellesley** '05 of Bon Air, Virginia, married in June at Jasmine Plantation in New Kent, Virginia, and took a Mediterranean cruise to Turkey, Greece, and Italy.

2004

Sameer Vaswani
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Matt Kapuscinski and **Tricia Piccinino Kapuscinski** welcomed first child Olivia Jean in August. **Krystin Gokey Ryan** and husband Jim of Richmond welcomed Claire Aubrey Ryan in June. **Andrew Blate**, owner of Beautiful Home Services, LLC, and **Jessie Thomas-Blate** '03 of Fairfax, Virginia, welcomed son Leo in June 2012. **Erin Dexter** welcomed Anderson Patrick White in October.

Maria Cedeno Lapins and husband Adam traveled to Ireland this spring. Their son was due this summer.

High school teacher **Kevin Johnson** and **Amber Rector Johnson**, a supervisor at the Social Security Administration, of Spotsylvania, Virginia, have daughters Amelia, in kindergarten, and Natalie, 3. Elementary school teacher **Emily Falvey Townsend** and high school math teacher and baseball coach **Sean Townsend** '03 of Chesapeake, Virginia, have daughters Lily, 4, and Ella, 1.

Magdalena Mrowiec Campbell and Stephen of Frederick, Maryland, married six years, have sons Jack, 5, and Hank, 2. She's



an adjunct teaching GED classes at Baltimore County Community College.

After 18 months in Monterey, California, while husband Ryan studied at the Naval Postgraduate School, **Suzi Gallagher Welch**, a Troy University professor of leadership studies, planned to move with Molly, 2, to Woodbridge, Virginia. Ryan was to start work at Fort Belvoir.

Robyn Fielder '05 earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Syracuse University last year, and, in June, she married Bryan Shepardson.

Aaron Layman, a Wells Fargo collections operations specialist and *Roanoke Star* freelance writer, planned a fall trip up the East Coast. **Kristin Simmers** studied at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and works for NIST International School in Bangkok, Thailand.

Kevin Buffardi earned a Ph.D. in computer science from Virginia Tech and was to start this fall as an assistant professor at California's Chico State. **David Rickey** is rehabilitating a historic Cincinnati house. **Ryan Bodenstein** earned a Ph.D. from U.Va. and is working to build a particle accelerator in South Korea.

After two years in investment banking at Barclays, **Matt Lowe** joined Estee Lauder Companies in NYC as the CFO's director of financial planning and analysis. Matt married Amer Ahmed in Chappaqua, New York, in May. **Chris Baily**, **Gigi Beier**, **Matt McKay**, and **Erica Rozek** attended.

Hannah Slotnick Lindoff wrote a children's book, *Mary's Wild Winter Feast*. **Kendall Jennings** lives in the D.C. area, works for IBM, and has traveled to Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. **Osasu Airhiavbere** is a Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board attorney in D.C. **Elizabeth Terrell** works for Deloitte in Sydney, Australia.

Jennifer Henley went on the UMW service trip to Peru, talking

with current students about changes on campus.

2005

Allyson "Ally" V. Lee
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Robyn Fielder earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Syracuse University in August 2013 and married Bryan Shepardson in

Stafford County middle school counselor **Elizabeth Cranford** earned a master's degree in school counseling from JMU in May.

Ashley E. Ontko married Navy Lt. Taylor South in May. They moved from Virginia Beach to Monterey, California, where Taylor planned to attend the Naval Postgraduate School.

2007

Jay Sinha
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Daniel Clendenin
daniel.clendenin@gmail.com

Sarah Eckman
sarahje@alumni.umw.edu

Elizabeth Bair Shomo, now a stay-at-home mom, worked as a child protective services and hospice social worker. She has two sons and a daughter.

Brent Colin Turner, board secretary for the international nonprofit Medical Students for Choice and a third-year student at the Medical College of Virginia, plans to specialize in reproductive endocrinology and infertility.

Stephanie Oswald and **Andrew Sniffin** wed in July on Long Island. **Melanie Tarosky** earned a DVM last May from the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. She practices at Pender Veterinary Centre in Fairfax, Virginia.

2008

Trish Lauck
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Alyssa Lee
alyssa.linda.lee@gmail.com

Kristina Ashwell Peck and **Joel Peck** welcomed son Elijah in March.

2010

Kelly Caldwell
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Michelle Bond Kappert
michellekappert@gmail.com

Laura Pilati, programs and operations coordinator for Richmond's Nonprofit Learning Point, was accepted in the University of Richmond's master of nonprofit studies program. She married Rob Richards in September 2013 in Madison Heights, Virginia. **Kat Saunders**, **Laura Mandeville '09**, and **Madeleine Hawks '09** were in the wedding party.

Justin Anderson hiked the Appalachian Trail from Maine to Georgia with **Matt Eversole** in 2010. In May 2013, Justin earned a master's degree in English from Trinity College. He's Frostburg State University head men's and women's swim coach in Maryland and began work on a doctorate in higher education leadership at Frostburg in July.

Alyssa Ballentine is a registered nurse at NYU Langone Medical Center. **Rebecca Gall Fenwick** is a historic preservation specialist for Lominack Kolman Smith Architects in Savannah, Georgia.

Lisa Zanzarella, who works in human resources, wed William Lorenzo, who's in IT security at PWC, in Remington in September 2013. They live in

Brent Colin Turner '09, a third-year student at the Medical College of Virginia, plans to specialize in reproductive endocrinology and infertility.

Ashburn, Virginia. **Caitlin Brooks** and **Megan Kent '11** were bridesmaids.

2011

Hannah Hopkins
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Kira Lanewala
klanewala@gmail.com

2012

Mandi Solomon
msolomon211@gmail.com

Whitney Hanlin is assistant director of advancement and alumni relations at George Mason University's School of Business. **Erin Berry** earned a master's degree in library and information science from Syracuse University.

Rachel Sheets was to start a three-year MFA program in lighting design at the University of South Carolina in fall. She thanks Doug Noble and the Dodd Auditorium staff for their inspiration.

2013

Amanda Buckner
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Katie Casey earned a master's degree in religion and the public domain from the University of Groningen in the Netherlands in June.

Gabrielle Kuhn earned a master's degree in education in May and married Ryan Kopf in July. They live in Dublin, California. Gabrielle teaches seventh grade at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic School. Ryan works with autistic children.

2014

No Class Agent
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Lauren Nelson earned a bachelor's degree in physics and planned to start a Ph.D. program in biophysics at Wake Forest University and focus on blood diseases or cancer.

IN MEMORIAM

Anne Katherine Donnelly
McAllister '36

Agnes Purks Glasco '38

Pauline "Polly" Jamison
Cooper '40

Isabelle Gregory Vickers '40

Lucy Kent Crockett Dennison '41

Helen Horwitz Jerome '41

Mary Brosius Nihart '41

Marion Burroughs Trusch '41

May Joe Craig '43

Josephine "Jo" Baron DeShazo '44

Virginia Armstrong
Longerbeam '44

Hazel Strong Morris '44

Ruth McDaniel Potts '44

Martha Scott Rogers '44

Carolyn Compton '45

Ruth Hurley Nicholson '45

Hilda Chrisman Pendleton '45

Marguerite Dameron Albert '46

Mattie N. Gibson '46

Jeanne Veazey McDonald '46

Virginia Hare Skord '46

Julia "Cutie" Bridges Wcislo '46

Dorothy Lescure Berryman '47

Martha Peterson Peters '47

Geraldine Harvey Richardson '47

Elizabeth "Betty" Bennett
Ferguson '48

Mary-Sue Dunaway Jones '48

Gloria Lee Stringer Meyer '48

Peggy Tuck Middleton '48

Thomas Purkins '48

Edith "Edie" Massie Warner '48

Lucretia "Lucy" Vance Gilmer '49

Cecil Spotswood Stevens
Mullan '49

Margaret "Peggy" Elliott
Sweeney '49

Wava Spriggs Runck '50

Priscilla Gray Teeter '50

Annette Webb Underwood '50

Elizabeth Dickinson Felty '51

Jean Burcher Forrest '51

Betty Russell Saliba '51

June Thierbach Carroll '52

Margaret "Peg" Randolph
MacLeod Kern '52

Mable Patricia Moss Newbill '52

Nancy Parker Richardson '52

Carol Stone Brown '55

Cecelia Gunn Seiler '55

Dorothy Spence Dederick '57

Gaylee Leavitt MacGregor '57

Jacqueline "Jackie" Edwards
Smith '57

Catherine "Kay" Purdy Cook '58

Judie Pyrke Orrell '58

Edith "Edie" Massie Warner '58

Edith Logan Sheppard Ott '59

Janet Bell Cushman '60

Agnes Welsh Eyster '61

Nellie Leary Norris '61

Suzanne Louise Stafford '61

Joyce Lynne Supina '63

Anita Victoria Adams '64

Carol Jean Morris '64

Mary Louise Weinheimer '64

Linda Spangler "Spang"
Berkheimer '66

Mary L. Hickle '66

Patricia Weller Wigginton '69

Laura Claydon Hudson '71

William Richard "Bill" Perkins '73

Sharon Singleton O'Bannon '74

Gloria Ferguson Vizzier '74

Susan "Suzy" Elliott Bohliger '75

Roganna Marie
Howard-Rollins '77

Lisa Cockes Judkins '81

Joan Sear Lustig '83

Sheila Brady Barth '84

Lori Wendt Hudson '84

Robert Johnston Boyd III '87

Christian Taylor Thompson '15

Phyllis Quimby Anderson '44,
who lost her daughter

Harriet Scott "Scotty"
Brockenbrough '49, who lost
her sister

Betty Davies Morie '56, who lost
her husband

Elizabeth "Bettie" Beckham
Gentry '58, who lost her
husband

Anne Maureen Conner Hall '58,
who lost her husband

Terry Eagles Dow '60, who lost
her husband

Sylvia Garland Wickwire '61, who
lost her husband

Mary Chambers Hodnett
Minozzi '62, who lost her
husband

Marilyn Jorgensen '64, who lost
her husband

Ruth Hill Simmons '64, who lost
her husband

Jackie Williams Towler '64, who
lost her husband

Mary Grace Wright Day '66, who
lost her husband

Roberta James East '66, who lost
her mother

Kathleen Crawford Hoffman '66,
who lost her mother

Meg Livingston Asensio '68, who
lost her mother

Sandra Sayre '70, who lost her
daughter

Frances D. McDonald '71, who
lost her mother

Daniel Hudson '82, who lost his
wife

Joni Dodd Libglid '85, who lost
her son

Karen Berkheimer Morton '95,
who lost her mother

Thomas Patric Oesterheld '95,
who lost his father

Amanda Rachelle Rollins '03,
who lost her mother

Elizabeth G. Randall '06, who lost
her mother

Jonathan Weller Wigginton '10,
who lost his mother

Cooper Michael Graham '16,
who lost his father

CONDOLENCES

Memorial Gifts

In the last year, gifts have been made to the University of Mary Washington in memory of these beloved members of the community who have passed on.



Catherine Chambliss Adams '43

Nancy Duval Andrews '44

Josephine Osborn Ashton '34

Frank Haywood Ball

Keith Belli

J. Christopher Bill

Anthony Bisogno

Betty Jefferson Blaisdell '52

Jane Bliley '72

Florence Bodnar

Susan Breedin '86

Carlisle V. Brigham '06

Megan L. Brown '05

Elizabeth Collins Burke '42

Sawyer Matthew Burnett

Hamlin Caldwell Jr.

Juanita S. Carpenter '39

Norman Carpenter

Emily M. Cella

Jamie P. Cockayne

Hildy Parks Cohen '45

Edith Laningham Coleman

Gordon Hunter Coleman Sr.

John Francis Cope '83

Mildred Stanford Creegan

Howard Carpenter DeSilva

Gary A. DeSimone

Susan Hurley Dixon

Ed Drake

Samuel T. Emory Jr.

Robert K. Ericson '14

James Farmer

Alice Lorraine Fischer

Carol A. Flaherty '74

Janet Green Gilmore

James B. Gouger

Patricia Helen Baley Govenides

Mary Lizzi Govoni

Etta Jean Griggs

Anne Grimm

Makeda Alice Hall

Anne F. Hamer

Susan J. Hanna

Kathy Hannigan

William B. Hanson

Florence Harding '18

David A. Hawkens '82

Sonja Haydar

Thelma Heiberger

Margaret Marshall Heimbach '42

Mary Siegrist Hinz '81

George Hoffman

Miriam B. Hoge

Emily Avery Holloway

F. Byrd Holloway

Michael Houston

Anne Hamilton Hudachek

Rosemary A. Ingham

Myrtle Hollins Isbell '23

Alexis Jackson

Arthur James

Deborah Ann Jardin '01

Mary Joslin Jenkins '61

Mary Caudill Lewis Johns '48

Faith Lynch Johnson '77

Elton V. Joseph

Pauline G. King '37

Albert R. Klein

Charles Kramer

Lenore Kramer

Daisy Hash Krout '75

Linda Hopkins Lapin '64

Nettie Evans Lawrey '44

Kurt F. Leidecker

Martha Fischer Leighton '47

Bernard C. Lemoine

Rosalie Leonard '38

Carma Lee Lewallen '81

Rebecca Warner L'Heureux '10

Ruth Lenore Lindsay

Meredith C. Loughran '94

Roy J. Lucas

Carlton Lutterbie Jr.

Virginia Merrill MacLeod '49

Barbara-Ann Hough McConnell '48

Elizabeth Miller

Ronald Miller

Anne Miner '55

Christopher Edward Morawetz

Margaret Mosiman

Meta A. Mullis

Alexander J. Naden '03

Elizabeth Baylor Neatour '54

Donald A. Noon

Patricia P. Norwood

Darriel Webster Oliver '69

Edith Sheppard Ott '59

Richard P. Palmieri

James C. Perry

Jeannine Mary Pfeifle

Mary Pinschmidt

Patricia Gray Proulx '59

Claudia M. Read

James F. Richmond '95

Paula O'Gorman Rimnac '47

Maria Rivas

Carmen Rivera

Alyce Amory Roach '42

Jay B. Roberts

Marjorie Baldwin Roughton '43

Vaughan Hargroves Scott '61

Hershel Shackelford

Minnie Hogge Shackelford

Dorothy G. Shumadine '23

Thomas P. Somma

Justin Steinberg

Mary Ellen Stephenson

Laura Sumner

Emile Trimble '79

Thomas Turgeon

Thyra V. Valade

George M. VanSant

Phyllis Teed Wafle '37

Mary Page Williams Walden '69

Richard H. Warner

Anne Ratcliffe Webb '31

Stacey L. Werling '87

Reginald Whidden

Kyle Gooch Williams '77

Phoebe Enders Willis '29

Lawrence A. Wishner

Angela Wyche '48



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Welcome Back!

UMW Homecoming Weekend delivered what Mary Washington fans craved: clear blue skies, crisp October temperatures, athletes to cheer, and lots of Mary Washington spirit. Class of 2016 President Ethan Lane, above, showed his enthusiasm when Becky Conway '14 arrived at the Battleground Athletic Complex, where UMW alumni and students turned out in force to socialize, tailgate, and cheer on Eagles soccer teams.